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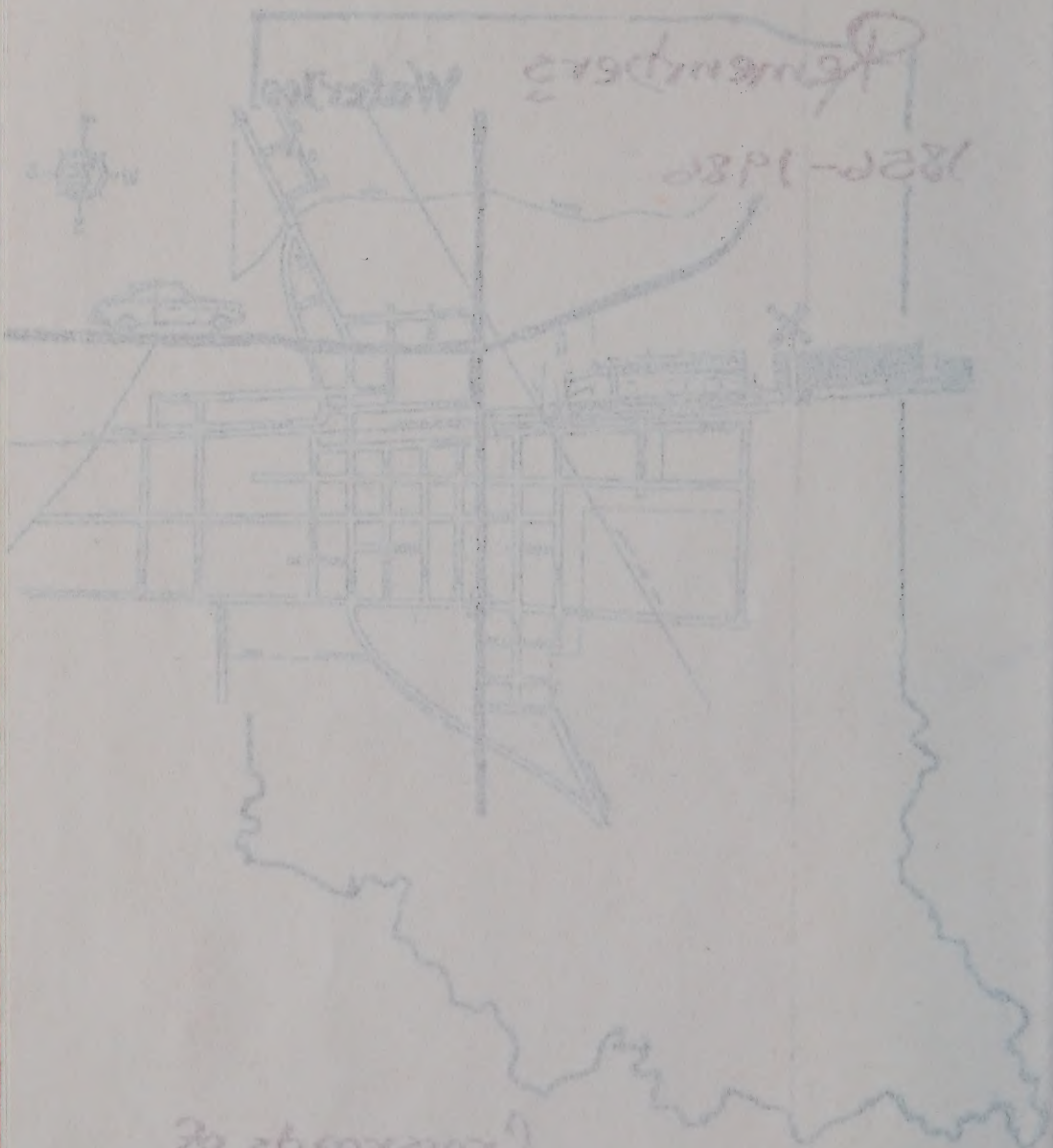

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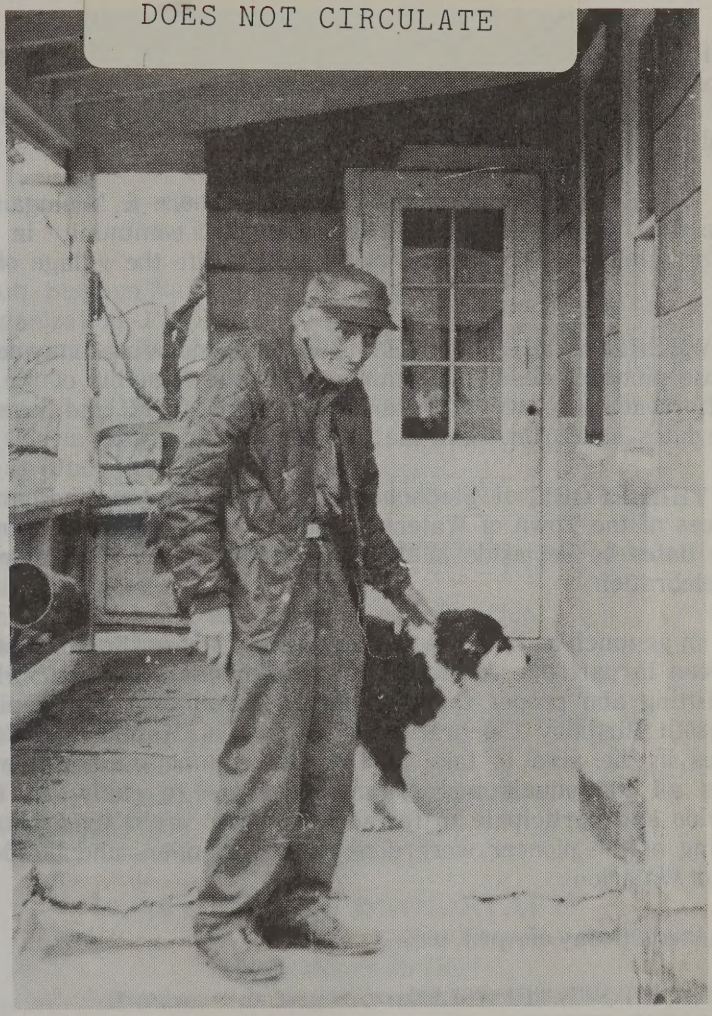

DEDICATION

Waterloo's oldest life-long citizen, Henry A. Link, is 101 years old. From his early years he has had a keen interest in local history. He researched, recalled and recorded most of the history in this book, taken from the many volumes he has now passed on to younger historians. We are proud to dedicate this work to Henry A. Link.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, John Hornberger and Miles Waterman caused the original plat of the Town of Waterloo to be laid out in the year 1856, such plat being dated March 14th, 1856 and recorded in the office of the Recorder of DeKalb County on the 21st day of April 1856:

AND WHEREAS, the building of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at that date gave impetus to a new community in which the untiring labors of hardy pioneers brought to life the village of Waterloo City:

AND WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF Waterloo including many descendants of those pioneers desire to commemorate the founding of the town and the efforts of those who have laid down their labors, and have designated the dates June 20 through June 22, 1986 for that purpose:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Walter, President of the Board of Town Trustees of the Town of Waterloo, Indiana, do hereby proclaim that the above dates be set aside in the Town of Waterloo, for historical study and celebration;

AND, in as much as the growth and development of the Town of Waterloo has been in part due to association with contiguous neighborhoods and it is fitting and proper that the entire surrounding community join in this 130th Birthday Celebration, the Town of Waterloo invites all the peoples in the area to take part in the coming memorial events and invites all individuals and organized groups to study the history of Waterloo and participate in festivities, and to profit by a better understanding of the pioneer work done by the founders and builders of the Town of Waterloo.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1986.

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FOREWORD

As a part of the Waterloo Centennial celebration in 1956 a pageant was written and staged entitled "Accordin' To My Tell." The title was taken from Eggleston's THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER and, interpreting the dialect, means "as I remember it." This book has been compiled as a part of Waterloo's 130th birthday celebration and the First Annual Waterloo Crossroads Festival. It uses that same theme - Waterloo history as remembered and told by its citizens.

Today's present is tomorrow's history. With that in mind this book is divided into two parts. The first is a partial reprinting of the 1956 history. The second part is local history uncovered since the first book and an almost verbatim recording of the writings submitted to the editor by many citizens. To them we are especially grateful. Every effort has been made to make it as personal as possible -- your book, about you.

It is our intent that this book will serve two purposes -- to create a renewed interest in your community, inspiring you to help make it an even better place to put down roots, and to provide a recorded, though unofficial, handbook of Waterloo history to pass on to future generations.

If there are omissions or errors, we stand corrected; it is not written in stone.

WATERLOO, INDIANA – 1856

Paraphrased from an article by Henry Link in WATERLOO TIMES, 1977

Eli and Sarah Waterman and their son Miles came fromNew York in 1836, building their log cabin somewhere near what is today the four corners of U.S. 6 and Center Street.

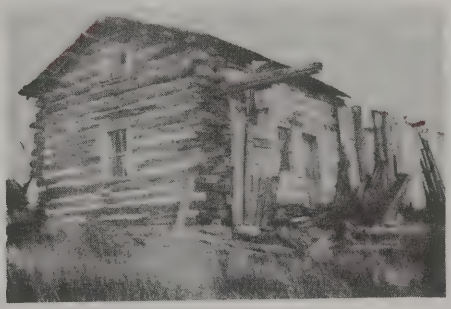
In 1845 Miles married Elizabeth Beard, was elected auditor and lived in Auburn for 10 years. He bought land in Waterloo on both sides of the railroad in the late 50's when it was laid out in lots by Dr. John Hornberger.
It could simple be said that the town was called Waterloo after the Watermans, but legend and tradition over the past 130 years have given us some interesting sidelights on how Waterloo got its name.

Soon after the town was laid out a dozen or more men gathered in a big old sinkhole along the railroad to name the new town. They proposed to call the new town Waterman, but the Watermans strongly objected. The Irishmen in the back of the crowd found a bottle of bourbon whiskey and began singing. Eli Williamson often related that they used the "Water" in Waterman and the "loo" from the Irish song to come up with the name Waterloo.

But during the Civil War, another town near Connersville in Fayette Co. was named Waterloo, and this caused many mix-ups in the delivery of soldiers' mail. The word"city" was therefore added to Waterloo in 1862, and the town became known as Waterloo City.

Early history

Grandpa Started It All Here



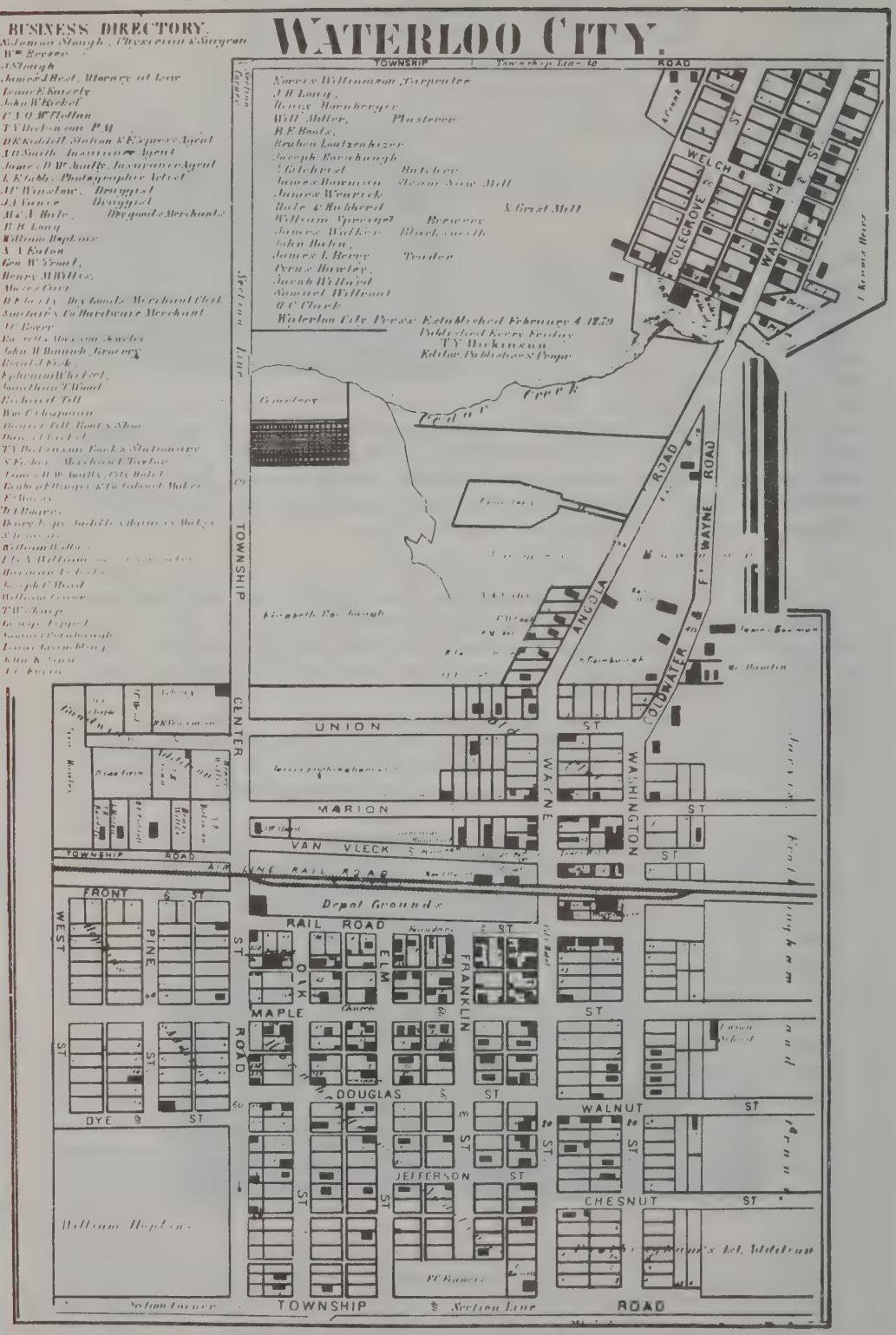
This house was built about 1845.

In the year 1838 Wesley Park put up a little board shanty on the site of Union-town. It was intented as a shelter for men employed on building a bridge over Cedar Creek. Being on the state road from Angola to Fort Wayne, the possibilities of a town were foreseen, and Frederick Krum laid out the plat of Uniontown. A store building was put up, and a trading point established by George Trout. James Bowman erected a water saw-mill. The first grist mill was built in Uniontown in 1868 by Josiah and Jonathan Weaver.

The completion of the "Air Line" railroad as it was then called, (later being the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and now the New York Central) was the signal for laying of the foundations of "Waterloo City" as it was then called. Miles Waterman, a prominent citizen of the county at that date, together with John Hornberger, laid out the original plat of the town of Waterloo in 1856.

The first structure erected in the new town was a railroad office. Eli Williamson built the first dwelling house which still stands on the south-west corner of Maple and Franklin Streets.

Lots sold rapidly, and building, once begun, continued briskly.



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FIRST NEWSPAPER IN DEKALB COUNTY

The first issue of the Waterloo Press came out on Feb. 4, 1859 and since that time has been published continuously.

The Waterloo Press was started by Timothy Y. Dickinson and after several successive owners became the property of the late Frank W. Willis in 1884.

The Waterloo Press building was destroyed by fire Feb. 12, 1896 but the paper was published without missing an issue.

Herbert C. Willis, a son of Frank W. Willis, edited the paper for many years. Under his management the Waterloo Press became one of the leading papers in DeKalb County.

Due to advancing years in 1949 Mr. Willis sold the paper to H. L. Fuhlenbrock, the present owner.

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" Waterloo,	-	-	11.37
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Waterloo, Feb. 4th, 1859.

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GOING DOWN HILL.

BY E. P. NOYES.

"That looks bad," [illegible] farmer White, with an expressive shake of the head, as he [illegible] gazed and looked down [illegible] one of his dusty walks.

"Bad enough," was the reply of a companion to whom the remark was addressed. "Nothing seems to be running right. [illegible] can remember the [illegible] days when everything around his little place used to run and jump."

"It is quite the [illegible] now," returned the farmer. "[illegible] buildings and grounds, all [illegible] the owner's care. I am [illegible]

[illegible] "Will it be convenient for you to settle it this evening?" asked the shopkeeper, as he produced the desired article.

"Is it his usual time for settling?" was again the surprised inquiry.

"Well, not exactly, but money is very tight just now, and I am very anxious to get in all that is due me. In the future I intend keeping short accounts.—There is your bill, if you would like to look at it. I will call around this evening. It is but a small affair."

"Thirty dollars is no small sum to us just now," thought Mrs. Thompson, as she thoughtfully pursued her way toward home.

"It seems strange that these payments must be made just now, while we are struggling to recover from the heavy expenses of the winter. I cannot understand it."

Her perplexity was increased upon finding her husband with two bills in his hand, and a countenance expressive of anxiety and concern.

"Look, Mary," said he, as she entered, "there are two unexpected calls for money, one from the doctor, and the other from the dealer in leather from whom I purchased my last stock. They are both very urgent for immediate payment, although they have always been willing to wait a few months until I could make arrangements to meet their claims. But

[illegible] "I wish [illegible] that [illegible] change in your [illegible] today as [illegible] the usual time. I [illegible] my power to do so [illegible]

The consequence of the latter showing out disappointment, and she passed on in a different direction to mutter to himself.

"Just as I expected. I shall never get paid. Everybody expects to pay their own bill. I must go out of business in some way. Perhaps I may get a pair of shoes or two in payment for the half quarter, if I engage right, but it will cause me to go out in the way."

A little decomposed by her interview with the leather, Mrs. Thompson stopped into a neighboring grocery to pur-

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[illegible] Uncle Joshua placed his [illegible] in his pocket-book, ready to meet [illegible] claim upon his knowledge [illegible] whom he had thus [illegible] [illegible] happy home.

Self-Mediator.

[illegible] yourself; never imitate [illegible] or put you presumptuously [illegible] the cumulative force of a solid [illegible] but of the adopted talent [illegible] you have only an extemporaneous [illegible] session. That which each can [illegible] but his Maker can teach [illegible] knows what it is, not can [illegible] person has exhibited it. Where [illegible] who could be taught [illegible] Where is the master who [illegible] instructed Franklin, or Washington, or Newton. Every man [illegible] Sapiens or Sapiens is [illegible] that part he could not borrow [illegible] will tell me whom the great [illegible] is the original crisis when [illegible] a great act. I will tell him [illegible] himself can teach him [illegible] it never be made by the [illegible] Shakspeare. Do that which is [illegible] and then cease not hope [illegible] There is at this moment, [illegible] an utterance bare and [illegible] of the colossal chisel of [illegible] the model of the Egyptians, [illegible] of Moses, or Dante, but different [illegible] Not possibly will [illegible] all rich, all eloquent with thoughts [illegible] tongues, design to repeat [illegible] the world does not go quite as well with [illegible] as formerly. What is the trouble? [illegible] itself, but if I can hear what these patriarchs say, surely I can reply to them in [illegible] ear and

THE WORLD'S WILL.

[illegible]

Homes of America

The homes of America will not become a [illegible] should be until a true idea of [illegible] widely supplanted [illegible] dollars does more [illegible] home, and the life [illegible] anything—than all [illegible] the God of almost [illegible] chief and of life [illegible] that gold is comparatively [illegible] picture upon the [illegible] flowers for the [illegible] or a book for the [illegible] In this the [illegible] These, it is a mono[illegible] [illegible] thing! [illegible] such a [illegible] [illegible] gladness [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Railroad Story

The first railroad in the County was the Air Line Division of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana railroad which was built to one mile east of town in 1856 and completed through Waterloo in 1857. The first passenger office was a box car at the side of the track. A little later a small passenger house was built where the Police Station is now located. Large sheds stood West thereof where hundreds of cords of wood was hauled by farmers. This was then cut in small lengths for engine fuel, by a buzz saw operated by a tread mill drawn by a horse. Philip Plum was present and went inside the cars when the first passenger train came through town on June 6, 1857. About 1880 the N.Y.C.R.R. freight and grain warehouse was moved from where the Standard Oil bulk plant is presently located. It was raised on blocks and skids, then placed on two flat cars. It took but seven minutes to shove it onto the cars, whereupon it was pulled by locomotive and moved to its present site at Center Street. A long incline ramp,known as a "Wheat Bridge" was built of earth and ran up to the tip of the south side of the freight house. Farmers would haul their grain up this incline where it was unloaded into bins for shipment.

In 1870 the Fort Wayne, Jackson, and Saginaw Railroad commenced operations, crossing the first railroad tracks in the West part of town. In 1882 this road was taken over and became a part of the new system and both roads were then named the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. Later both these roads became a part of the present New York Central Railroad System. The present town came into being by reason of these railroads.

Before the advent of the automobiles and trucks all shipping and most travel was done by rail. A large number of men were employed at the freight house and depot. Dray lines flourished in the town and hack and livery service was carried on to the nearby towns. The closest other railroads in the early days were 25 and 35 miles away. Therefore the farmers from far and wide had to haul their grain, produce and stock to town for sale and shipment.

INTERURBAN AND THE OLD STOGIE MILL

Before the days of modern highways Waterloo was fortunate in transportation because in addition to the good railroad facilities; it was served by the Interurban Line which connected Waterloo with Auburn, Garrett, Kendallville, Fort Wayne and other points South. The Waterloo station was the end of the line that was nicknamed "The Hollinger Line". It was constructed in 1907 and Harry Knott operated the last car in 1937. Ghrulke and Flack Prop. of Waterloo Cigar Co., originators of Nail in Head Cigars, was located in the same building as the Interurban station.

CHURCHES

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Waterloo first used a seminary building. The brick Church was constructed in 1885 but in Oct. 1886 it burned and was rebuilt under the pastorage of Rev. W. D. Parr in 1887, at a cost of $5500.

The Presbyterian Church at Waterloo was organized June 5, 1863 by Rev. C. Ford. The Church building, a frame structure on Maple Street, was erected in 1867 at a cost of $3,000. The first pastor Rev. Edward Wright.

The Church of Christ built a structure in 1870 on Maple Street at a cost of $3500. Rev. M. M. Barlett was the first pastor.

The United Brethern Church at Waterloo established probably in 1852 by traveling Evangelists. A deed to the lot on which the Church now stands was made by George Trout and wife to the first Board of Trustees. The Church building was completed in 1862. Rev. Taring Osmun was the first pastor. It was the first Church in Waterloo. During the early history of this Church the building was used for union worship. In 1879 the Church was rebuilt. In June of 1912 the old Church was torn down and a new structure was completed and dedicated April 6, 1913 at a cost of $15,000.

The English Reformed Church was built at the corner of Center and Union Streets in 1872, at a cost of $5500. Rev. Henry Baer was the first pastor.

The Evangelical Association at Waterloo was organized before the out break of the Civil War, and in 1886 its Church was built at the cost of $3000. Rev. Geist was the pastor in charge when the Church was constructed.

The first Catholic Church of the County was built in Waterloo in 1864, and was attended by Catholics in the entire County. Father Max Bensinger was one of its first Priests.

The Church of Christ was founded April 11, 1948. A fine new Church was erected by the membership at the corner of Washington and Maple streets in 1952. The first Evangelist of the congregation was Mr. Warren Jones and the latest Evangelist serving approximately 100 Church members is Mr. Ellis Webb.

The Church of the Nazarene was founded in September 1945. A new Church was erected by the membership on Lockhart Avenue near Center Street in 1947. The present pastor of the congregation is Melvin L. Wilkinson.

Church of the Nazarene

First Evangelical United Brethren Church

Church of Christ

St. Paul Evangelical
United Brethren Church

Methodist Church

Old Presbyterian Church

SCHOOLS

According to old residents a log school house was built in Uniontown. Later the first frame school house was erected in Uniontown on Colgrove street just south of the Lynn Imhoff property. It served the few children of the early days. Just before the town was granted a charter to be incorporated in 1863 the township trustee had erected another school building in the southeast part of town. This was located on the south side of Maple Street and east of Washington on what is now the northwest corner of the present school plot. Spencer Dills, Peter Colgrove and Professor J. A. Barnes taught in this ill-contrived structure. Professor Barnes, also, conducted several successful normal schools in the upper room. Professor J. H. Moore came to Waterloo from Auburn in 1860 and erected a building on the site of the present Methodist Church and conducted a good school called the Moore's Seminary. He was assisted by J. B. York, who continued the work after Professor Moore enlisted in the 100th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Irene Smith Boyer was, also, an instructor here. The seminary was discontinued in the later 1860's.

In 1871 the large school building was erected on Van Vleek Street, where the Shelter House now stands. At this time it was the finest school building in the county. It was built of brick, with a stone basement at a cost of $20,000. This served well the educational needs for the town for many years. All who attended this school remembers well how switching trains interferred with classes. Mr. Frank Van Auken was the first superintendent. The first high school graduation was in 1879. There has been a graduating class every year since with the exception of 1880.

This building was torn down after the present school structure was erected. Children were also cared for in the old Opera House and later in the Town Hall which replaced the Opera House that was blown down. In the 1920's classes were held in an old church which stood where Wakefield's factory now stands.

As the school population began to increase, the structure was too small to care for the educational requirements of the children. And as the financial burden of the schools in the town and township became heavier a movement was started to consolidate the two school systems. The movement to consolidate was definitely decided in an election which was held in April 1925. Soon afterwards the town of Waterloo consolidated with Crant Township for the purpose of bettering the educational facilities of the community. The building was started in July 1925 and finished in 1926. The new school structure was built on East Douglas street on the site of the present school plant. This building housed the high school and grades seven and eight. The old building on Railroad Street was used for the first six grades. The town hall was used for a gymnasium. William Mustard was superintendent of school during this building period. Solomon Fisher, Bert Bachtel J. E. Showalter and T. L. Myers were members of the school board.

In 1938 this school building was altered by doing away with the auditorium and constructing more class rooms. The most important change was the addition of the gymnasium which is connected with the school building. During this building period Charles A. Overmeyer was superintendent. James A. Husselman, Fern A. Morr and Grant A. Kelley were on the school board. This school plant served the community well for a number of years.

In 1954 changes were made in some of the rooms of the building and an addition was added to provide rooms for home economic, the hot lunch, biology, and shop.

Land has been added to the school ground from time to time until it now contains about thirteen acres. It contains a good track and in 1955 the ball diamond was lighted. Busses bring in the children from the outlying area.

In 1953 a private kindergarten was started in the Church of Christ which is adjacent to the school ground. The small children use the play ground equipment.

OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL

GYMNASIUM

HOME ECONOMIC ROOM

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

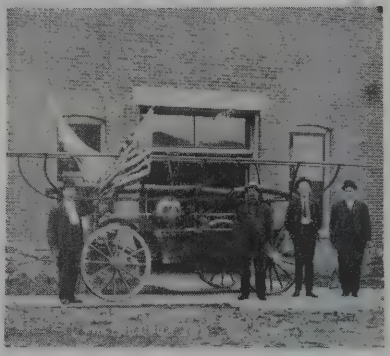
The first steps taken to procure a library for Waterloo were taken in the fall of 1911. Grant and Smithfield Townships were invited to join in the establishment of a public library. Smithfield Township took no action but the necessary signatures of the taxpayers of Grant Township were obtained and a library levy made.

A room in the Denison Block was rented and Bertha Knott was appointed Librarian and on November 20, 1912, the Library was opened to the public.

The erection of a building was discussed at this time and the Carnegie Foundation pledged $9,000 towards the Library in the town of Waterloo. The lots at the corner of Wayne and Maple Streets were selected for the building site and the new Library was ready for dedication sometime in December 1912 or the first of the year 1913.

SHELTER HOUSE

Picnics, reunions and fun.
Meet me at the shelter house. This rustic building was erected in 1940 on foundation of old school building.



"Pump Boys Pump"

Waterloo and DeKalb County's first fire truck.

Modern Fire Department

The Waterloo Fire Department was organized October 1, 1869. Records say that there were 45 men and 3 pieces of equipment, namely a fire engine, a hose cart and a ladder wagon.

The history of DeKalb County published in 1880 states that Waterloo at that time had the only fire engine in DeKalb County.

Officers of this first department consisted of a foreman, first and second assistant foremen, secretary-treasurer, and 3 trustees. There was also an engine committee, who kept the fire engine in working condition, a cistern committee who inspected the cisterns at regular intervals and a lantern committee who kept the lanterns cleaned, trimmed and filled.

Members had to be between the ages of 18 and 40. They were fined $1.00 if they failed to attend a fire and they were fined 25¢ if they failed to attend a fire meeting.

ENGINE HOUSE

"Get for home, the curfew bell is ringing." Building stood at Police Station site. Fire trucks and jail cell were housed here. J. P. Court was, also, held except during night when "riders of the rods" were bedded down.

MARCH OF PROGRESS

Post Office located on Van Vleek Street, east of Wayne Street. About 1903. No. 1 Sheldon Hine, No. 2 William Rose, No. 3 Arthur Grogg. Salaries were paid in gold to carriers.

THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH

Louis Bloom's shop at rear of Town Hall site (Now stands behind Vosgerau's shop). Photo taken in 1903. Note oil street lamp.

Are you on the wagon now? Street Sprinkler operated by Ben Baker, teamster, bi-weekly from May to October.

MILK WAGON
Come and Get It

James McBride recipient, Col. E. Montavon delivering, before the days of homogenization.

OLD CAR

Wayne Goodwin at the wheel and his father Samuel L. with 1907 Auburn.

OLD RACING CAR
World's Champion Walker.

Edward Payson Weston, in 1907 and his official car, "The Peerless", in front of Locke Hotel. It was located west of standpipe.

INDUSTRY

Picture in upper left corner was the old saw mill on East Marion Street owned by C. V. Bookmiller, father of Troden Bookmiller. It was dismantled in 1931 and is now the present site of Kitchen Quip, Inc.

Picture in upper right corner is Kitchen Quip, Inc., one of Waterloo's largest industries, which was founded in July 1946. The founders were Mr. Lewis C. Schaeffer, Mr. Harry Lemmons and Associates. The Company manufactures the Salad Master, a vegetable cutter. In the last three years other models of vegetable cutters have been added. Also manufactured is the new Smog-Master Ash Tray, Posy Pail Planter and T-Screw Driver. Extensive custom plating and Roto Finishing is also done. Kitchen Quip now have their own sales organization for all products with the exception of the original Salad Master. Starting from its origin Kitchen Quip has grown to annual sales of $1,000,000 and is expected to be increased in future years. Present management is Mr. Francis Metrailer, President, Mr. L. C. Schaeffer, Chairman of Board; Mr. J. M. Cushing, Secretary; Mr. Harry Lemmons, Vice-President.

Picture in lower left corner was the Handle Factory of Till and Bowman in 1888. The late Col. Stephen A. Bowman is shown at the right. It is now the site of Tucker Metal Products, Inc.

The picture in the lower right corner is the Tucker Metal Products, Inc. This company was formed in November 1946 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by George Charleston and Howard Tucker, as Charleston Screw Machine Products. They moved to Waterloo in March 1950, and incorporated as Charleston Metal Products. They moved to new quarters on Grant Street in June 1956, and changed name to Tucker Metal Products, Inc. Contract manufacturers of metal parts used in such places as food processing equipment, home appliances, automotive, wire forming, agriculture, and munitions industries. Also they are equipped to do the following: centerless grinding, induction hardening, turret and engine lathe, milling, drilling, and automatic screw machine production.

T H. Products Corporation is shown in the upper left corner. The T H Products Corporation purchased the Hall-Stingle Company in September 1953 and in late October of the same year were in production as a Screw Machine Shop. This Company manufacturers grease fittings for the automotive trade, for farm machinery, and the jobbing trade. They do some export business. At the present time they are operating two shifts and have about 50 people on the payroll. Mr. Carl Russell is superintendent and R. M. Stingle is office manager.

Picture in the upper right corner shows the old barrell factory which was located about one half block north of the Town Hall.

The picture in the lower left corner is the R. P. Wakefield Company. Russell P. Wakefield came to Waterloo in 1945 and started the R. P. Wakefield Co., Inc., a wood fabricating industry. Later he former the Wakefield Plywood Corporation which sells plywood. About two years ago he purchased the Bryan Novelty Mfg. Co. which manufactured folding elevator and counter stools and now manufacturers these products in Waterloo.

The picture in the lower right corner shows the old tannery and Bech's Packing Company. The two-story building at left was the old tannery run by George Shoner. Sam Bech was proprietor of the packing plant. Tom Bohler at right was about 16 years of age when this picture was taken about 1885. This building was formerly used as a cooper shop. These structures were south of the junction of Washington and North Wayne Streets, between what is now Shamrock Inn and Cedar Creek.

ORGANIZATIONS

WATERLOO CITY LODGE NO. 307, F. & A.M. Organized in March 1864 with twelve charter members. Chas. A. O. McClellan was first Worshipful Master and other officers were Jas. I. Walker, Ezra D. Hartman, Chas. Bassett, J. F. Radcliff, Lyman Sleeper, David Riddell and Jacob Willard. Dr. W. R. Newcomer has been given a 50 year pin.

WATERLOO CHAPTER NO. 142, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR Instituted Dec. 8, 1893 with 23 charter members. First officers were Nellie Leas, Wm. O. Butler, Mary Till, Alda Bemenderfer, Mrs. S. P. Klotz, Mrs. H. K. Leas, Mrs. S. Z. Dickinson, Julia Butler, Nora Butler Amelia Wittmer, Laura Sinclair, Lola Broughton, Nancy McCague and Florence Waterman.

LEONIDAS LODGE NO. 205, K. OF P. Organized in 1889 with Frank B. Knott first payer of dues. First officers were A. D. Locke, A. V. Sinclair, G. J. Beck and A. J. Haskins. Two Members received pins as 59 year members in 1956: John H. Dunn and Benjamin A. Link.

PHTHIAN SISTERS Originally chartered as Rathbone Sisters in 1898 with one charter member still living: Verna Darby Lapland of Flagstaff, Arizona. Original officers were Laura St Clair, Jessie Baxter, Esther Meeks, Nellie Leas, Rerna Darby, Kate Swartz, Josie Swartz, Cora Stanley and Emma Plum.

SUNSHINE COUNCIL GAY 11 Pythian Sisters' Junior group has 18 Sunshine Girls. Their officers are Nancy Lockwood, Sharon Harris, Marsha Hodges, Mary Sebert, Donna Meyers, June Kay Dirrim, Sally Kennedy, Betty Hartman, Janis Kennedy and Sherry Yountz.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS Oldest fraternal order in Waterloo, established Nov. 1, 1860 with the following officers: Oscar Colvin, John Minnich, Robt. Crooks and Jos. Reed.

FAITH REBEKAH LODGE Organized Sept. 11, 1888. Apparently the oldest women's lodge in Waterloo. Early record books were destroyed by fire.

LIONS CLUB Chartered January 24, 1929 with 23 members. First officers elected were Earl Leas, Geo. Speer, W. R. Newcomer, Russell Fretz, Lyle McEntarfer, J. B. Munn, W. H. Ettinger, J. E. Showalter, E. A. Ish, Bert Bachtel and Melvin Swartz. Always an active service organization, it brings in new business, fathered the Athletic Assn. and acts as Chamber of Commerce.

MINERVA CLUB One of oldest literary clubs in state. Organized Jan. 24, 1884 for mutual improvement. First officers were Mrs. F. W. Willis, Ida Blair, Sarah S. Winslow. Celebrated 50th Anniversary in 1934.

PROGRESSIVE LITERARY CLUB Was organized Sept. 11, 1896 by a group of school teachers to increase facilities for education in community. First officers were Myra Grublke, Anna Deventer and Myrtle Ball.

ORGANIZATIONS

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB Sponsored by Auburn B. and P. W. Feb. 29, 1956. Twenty-eight charter members with Ruth Hampton, Mary Warner, Evelyn Sutton, Helen Morr and June Parkinson as officers.

WATERLOO BUSINESS MEN'S ASS N. Newly organized group dates from March 1956. Officers are Jas. E. McAlpin, Joe Cattell, Wayne Ordway and Bob Albright.

BAND BOOSTERS' ASSOCIATION Organized in Jan. 1942 as Band Parents' Club to promote Solo and Ensemble Contest. Officers at that time were Mrs. Harold Hoxie, Mrs. Fern Morr, Mrs. Burt Kepler and Mr. Lester Dull.

WATERLOO-GRANT TWP. P. T. A. Organized about 1929 with Mrs. Dr. Ish and Mrs. Ruth Hire as earliest presidents. Reorganized about ten years later and assumed responsibility for the school's hot lunch program which is still its largest project.

WATERLOO FIREMEN'S ASSN. Organized Oct. 1, 1869, first fire department in county. Early records were lost so names of charter members and first officers are not known. Present officers are Grant Kelly, Clark Kelly and Raymond Fee.

WATERLOO ATHLETIC ASSN. Organized in Jan. 1953 for the promotion of athletics in Waterloo and surrounding community. Largest venture has been the Little League. First officers were Geo. Charleston, Albert Hoff, Jim Hamilton and Bob Albright.

WAR MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II Organized in Feb. 1943 as outgrowth of group organized to roll bandages for Red Cross during war. First officers were Ruth Hire, Velma Kohl, Beulah Bowman, Rachel Silberg, Lois Smith, Grace Shuman, Gladys Starkey, Lefa Smith and Hazel Bevier.

WATERLOO AMERICAN LEGION, POST 206 Organized March 25, 1920 with following officers: Harry Bloom, Virgil Johnson, Harry Girardot and Herbert Grimm.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Organized in Dec. 1924 with Fearne Bloom, Cora Stanley, Daisy Fee, Betty Grimm, Ida Rohm, Maude Fee, Mary Miser and Mary Saltsman first officers.

SIGMA BETA SORORITY Organized Feb. 29, 1948 with Helen Jones, Betty Mayne, Betty McEntaffer, Betty Myers and Beverly Davis first officers.

COUNTRY CHARM HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB Organized in 1954 with 8 members. First officers were Charlotte Fee, Delores Baird, Roma Baker and Joan Weirich. Like the club listed below, its purpose is to promote interest in home activities and hobbies.

WATERLOO HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB Also organized in 1954. First officers were Martha Miser, Alice Warner, Helen Morr, Jane Miser and Betty Mayne. There were 11 charter members

FIRST ENLISTMENTS. From page 335 of DeKalb County history book published in 1885

With the first call of the President, numerous volunteers from DeKalb County offered their services, but as they were not organized in a body by themselves, such as were accepted were assigned to various commands, and in many cases credited to other counties. Thus the county furnished men enough for two whole companies before the company was raised and officered entirely in DeKalb. The first company to receive a large representation from DeKalb was Company G, Nineteenth Regiment, in connection with which the following incident occured:

While the people of Waterloo were enthusiastically manifesting their warlike spirit, there occured in the village July 10, 1861, an accident so fatal in its character and effect as to shock the entire community. The sadness was much deeper than was felt at ten times the loss of life in the field of war, for the latter was felt to be necessary, and the former only a deplorable accident.

The cannon belonging to the citizens of the village was being fired in honor of the volunteers belonging to Captain Clark's company who were leaving on the express train at 3:55. Two rounds had been fired, the third and fatal one was reserved for the departure of the train. It had been heavily charged, and was wadded with green leather shavings from the tannery, within a few inches of the muzzle, and as the train started it was fired, resulting in a most terrible explosion, bursting the gun to atoms and scattering the pieces in all directions, over houses and tree tops, carrying several heavy pieces to a distance of over eighty rods, such was the terrible force of the explosion.

This six foot marker stands about 110 feet east of main cemetery entrance.

From page 742 of DeKalb County history book published in 1914

John Henry Shoemaker was killed while firing a farewell salute to his comrades who were departing for the war. They were the first soldiers to leave the town of Waterloo for the front. His was the first grave made in the Waterloo cemetery.

J. H. Shoemaker, who had himself assisted in loading the gun and who applied the fatal match, was hit by a piece which inflicted a frightful incision in his right side, in the region of the lower ribs, severing the spinal column, and causing his instantaneous death. About to fire the piece, he was heard to remark that "those boys over there," pointing toward the crowd at the depot, "said they would not touch it off for $500;" another instant, and

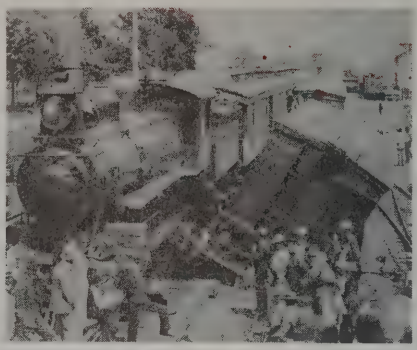
"Death had marked him for his own."

It seems almost incredible that in all the crowd that stood around in the immediate range of the death-dealing fragments, that no one else was injured. There were several who must certainly have had a hair-breadth escape. The funeral of this upright, industrious young man was held the following Friday, at the residence of F. C. Francis, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Osmun.

DeKalb County Guards

The first company raised entirely in this county, and officered by men from the county, was Captain Hawley's, which entered the Thirtieth Regiment. This company was the pride of DeKalb County, and numbered in its body some of the best citizens. When fully organized the ladies of Auburn presented the organization with a splendid banner. It was enthusiastically received, and a letter returned to the editor of the New Era, for publication. It was the last farewell word received from many brave hearts who never returned to their friends.

G.A.R. Post No. 12
1899
Anyone old enough knows flag bearer, John Acton.



OLD RAILROAD PHOTOS

Street scene is on east side of Wayne street, looking south, about 1875. Engineer and crew from train were at dinner. Dr. Showalter's and three story old Masonic House in background.

Mrs. Ella G. (Goodwin) Reed, who was born August 27, 1870, is perhaps the oldest N.Y.C.R.R. employee continuously living in Waterloo. The late Clyde Reed, her husband, was also a long time employee of the railroad, he being a telegrapher, and they were both ticket agents for the railroad and had charge of the Western Union Telegraph. Mrs. Reed was a full time employee from 1905 to her retirement in 1937. When she was but 10 or 11 years of age her parents lived about one-half mile West of the depot and she was placed on the payroll of the L.S. & M.S. at a salary of $1.25 per month. At that time the railroad was a single track system and the siding switch was located in front of their home and she was employed to keep the switch lantern cleaned and filled with oil and it was her duty to place the lamp in its proper place each evening and to remove in in the morning. Her father had a key to the switch and when a train was approaching, three or four long whistle blasts would be given and oft times she would take the key and open the switch for the train crew and then wait until the train had passed and then close the switch. This was very helpful to the crews owing to the steep grade as they would not need to stop. One day the local Railroad Agent took the key away from her as it was against company rules. Afterwards when she was not on hand to throw the switch, the train conductor on learning the reason gave her an extra key remarking that for every key taken from her they would supply three or four extra ones as her help was so valuable.

Most traveling and shipments were made by rail when she first started working at the depot. When the Kendallville fairs were held she would sell from 400 to 500 tickets some days to people going to the fair.

The interline ticket case which she used, and which was in service until just recently was the original one from the first depot which stood at the Wayne Street crossing.

Travel on the Branch Railroad was equally heavy, especially on week-ends and holidays, when people would travel from Fort Wayne to the lake resorts It was not uncommon to have 12 to 15 passenger cars completley filled.

One of these trains was known as "The Bluegill Run" and the depot employees would say they could "smell the fish before the train got here".

Along about the turn of the Century the railroad rebuilt its tracks and in the year 1905 they were putting in extra tracks at Swanton, Ohio. The gravel for this construction was hauled from the big pits at Pleasant Lake and special trains were constantly on the move and being switched at Waterloo and a train was averaged about every seven minutes in one direction or another at that time in Waterloo.

In connection with the Western Union Mrs. Reed recalls that one day Harvey Firestone got off the train to send a telegram. The time was limited for him to get back on the train so she was hurring to change his money. The telegram which he had sent was over ten words and she did not have time to figure the charge closely and later discovered he owed her 16¢ so she just took her own money and paid the difference.

At another time she had received a telegram to be delivered to Gloria Swanson who was a passenger on one of the trains stopping here. This was a message to be delivered in person, however she gave the message to the conductor for him to deliver, for fear the train would leave while she was still aboard.

Many noted persons would transfer from the trains at Waterloo. At one time she sold a ticket to Teddy Roosevelt, Jr. but did not recognize him at the moment as it was a dark day. Later noticing him standing by the stove she immediately recognized him and they had a long chat. Theodore Roosevelt also stopped at the depot once or twice and at one time gave a speech from the rear platform of his car.

Barney Oldfield, the race driver, had his car break down and while he was having local repairs made, he and his wife went to the depot to send a telegram. Mrs. Oldfield and Mrs. Reed visited in the ticket office for two hours while they were waiting.

HOMECOMING TAKEN 1929

CHATAQUA TENT

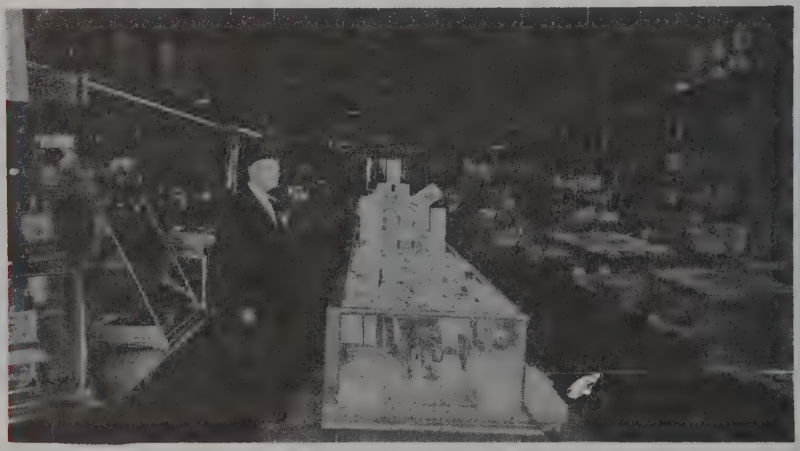
MAIN STREET

Photo looking northwest from roof of three story former Masonic building. Scene of 1907. Roof of Yeagy Livery Barn in foreground. W. C. Tatham Bicycle Shop and horse-watering tank, belfry of Engine House and old Opera House at left.

This is the earliest photo available. It was taken in, or prior to 1863. These stores were located on east side of Wayne Street just south of Railroad St.

LOCKE HOTEL AND MILITIA OR GUARD

Locke Hotel, destroyed by fire December 1, 1910, stood on northwest corner of Van Vleek and Washington Streets. Photo taken 1901 as State Militia was leaving to quell a labor riot. Waterloo's first telephone exchange switch board was located in this hotel.



INSIDE OF DRUG STORE

Sol Beidler at counter of his drug store. Photo taken prior to 1910. This store is now owned by Hamilton and Son.

Street scene is from Maple Street looking north on Wayne St.

On November 11, 1911 a wind storm from the southwest swept over the town which destroyed the old Opera House, an old landmark, and entailed a hundred thousand dollar loss to the town. A new Town Hall was built in 1912. This was rebuilt in 1955 to provide space for the fire department equipment, offices, and assembly room.

FAIR

A Fair Association was formed, and the farm immediately north of Uniontown which we know as the Leas farm, consisting of 31¼ acres and now owned by Pliny Gratz, was purchased in 1871 and buildings for a fair were erected. It was known as the northeastern Agricultural Association.

Upon these grounds was the best half-mile track in the state and there were ample accomodations for exhibitors, such as buildings, stalls and pens. The fair was held each October and was the largest attended fair of this area. The fair operated until the early 90's.

Grant Township in which Waterloo is located was formerly a part of Union Township which was the oldest township in the county. This division was made in 1889.

HISTORY

In about 1840 two German emigrants who were to have a lasting influence on the community came to Uniontown. One was Morritz (later spelled Maurice) Greuter, the other William Spriegel.

GREUTER'S STORE

Morritz Greuter bought the general store in Uniontown soon after he arrived. Later his twin sons, Henry and Herman, ran a wholesale grocery business out of Uniontown. They later moved over to downtown Waterloo.

The store continued to be run by a another generation, a Greuter son, Fern (who named his son Maurice) until he sold the business to Donald and Evelyn Sutton, founders of the Sutton Markets.

THE OLD BREWERY

William Spriegel was a brewmaster. Using bricks made near the site, he built the building you can see to your left as you approach the bridge on North Wayne. Nestled among the trees on the north bank of the creek, it is the old brewery, one of the oldest business houses still standing in the county. The bricks show little signs of decay although the building has been unused for several decades. It was the scene of much activity and entertainment before the turn of the century.

When the basement was dug for the building, a large spring of ice cold water was found. The heavy stream of water later gave the beer brewed there its name - Springwater Beer. The structure is about 35 by 50 feet and three stories high, with the basement. A waterwheel was built for grinding mash; later a stone was added for custom grinding of farmers' wheat and corn. Spriegel was a far-seeing planner and a good businessman. taking every advantage of the nearby creek.

William Spriegel also took time to relax and provided a place of entertainment for his customers and neighbors by using the first floor of the brewery for dances. It was the scene of Saturday night dances, Christmastime parties, talent tryouts for fiddlers, callers, drummers and banjo players. Spriegel often gave a five dollar gold piece for the best talent and a collection was taken for an orchestra to play for dancing.

William Spriegel married the daughter of Morritz Greuter and he tried unsuccessfully to interest his father-in-law and other in-laws in the brewery business. The Greuters liked the grocery business better.

In 1874 Spriegel sold the business to his father-in-law who ran it for only a year. Then Greuter leased it to Lautsenhiser and Miller who lacked a brewers' know-how and couldn't make good beer. After a year the brewery went back to the Greuters who sold vats and machinery to a Fort Wayne firm.

Eventually George Belford and the Sinclair Brothers bought the building and turned the interior into a training center for acrobats. The troups trained for performances at the numerous fairs in the area and along with the Houlton troups from Hamilton went on the road as wagon shows in three states. The Belfords were on the Chautauqua Circuit and with Ring ling Brothers Circus for several years.

Pliny Gratz later bought the brewery and used it for machine storage. This brewery story is a condensation of an article by Henry Link in the Evening Star in which he states "The old brewery building is in a fair state of preservation after 100 or more years and well worthy of further preserving by the state or the DeKalb Historical Society.

THE OLD BROOM FACTORY

By Henry Link, taken from an article in WATERLOO TIMES, 1977

As I remember, the old broom factory was located in Uniontown and was run by Brant Booth from 1890's up until around 1920 when old age overtook the veteran broom maker. I believe he was a bachelor.

My father at the turn of the century raised boom corn and sold it to Brant as did many farmers in the area. As the seed began to ripen you had to bend it over so the seed hung down. The top was somewhat like field corn, and this prevented the straws from becoming crooked. As the broom corn ripened we cut the heads off below the crook, then we hung them on a clothesline rope in the old house and dried them.

We cut a comb in the end of a board and pulled the heads holding the seeds through this comb. It was hard to make, but it did the trick and saved our hands from getting sore on the broken stems.

The good stems were used to make larger brooms and whisk brooms were made from the small, inferior straws. I think brooms sold for from 25 to 50 cents. Maybe some fancy ones sold at 75 cents; they were parlor brooms for those plush carpets.

I still have a barn broom made by Brant. Still straight and useable after over 70 years of service.

FIRST FIRE ENGINE

By Henry Link, taken from an article in the WATERLOO TIMES in 1977

In the Autumn of 1868, after a disasterous fire that almost wiped the town off the map, the residents of Waterloo City began asking and talking to their neighbors, "What to do?" The town council began looking for a better way of fighting fires, other than the old bucket brigade.

It was learned that the city of Toledo, Ohio, had a hand pumper for sale which had belonged to the city of Cleveland. Waterloo town officials

purchased the engine for $500 and had it shipped to Waterloo from Toledo on a flat car in a passenger train.

The old engine threw a 1-1/4 in. stream of water as high as 180 feet depending on the muscle power manning the pumps. The pumper and firemen were usually successful in fighting a fire if they could get there in time.

When the 1911 cyclone tore down the old Opera House, large timbers fell all around the old fire engine, but not one fell on it. She was old but still rarin' to go. Fortunately there were no fires in the dropping zero weather.

The old engine was taken to a Toledo museum in 1935.

HOW WATERLOO GOT IT'S NAME

Post office records show that the Waterloo post office was established on August 15, 1844, and was known as the DeKalb Post Office. The name was changed to Waterloo City on February 20, 1862, and to Waterloo on May 2, 1870 after the Fayette County Waterloo was discontinued because it became a suburb of Connersville, Indiana.

When the railroad was being built about 3 miles west of town they ran into a sinkhole that kept swallowing up whatever was put down. It was such a well known dilema that legend has it that the workers said the railroad had met its Waterloo at the sinkhole. Hence the name of the settlement east of the sinkhole.

Now that you have been told "how Waterloo get its name" you can take your pick if you wish. Regardless, it is still your town, Waterloo, to honor and preserve for future generations.

JOHNNY APPLESEED

Two early settlers of northeast DeKalb County were Timothy McClure and his wife Olive. They left Vermont in 1836 and traveled by boat, flat boat and carts pulled by four yolk of oxen to reach their destination. Mr. McClure was the first mail carrier for a route established between Defiance, Ohio and Coldwater, Michigan.

A noted character visited the McClure's cabin home in the 30's. This was Johnnie Appleseed. He came on two occasions while planting his seeds on the bank of Fish Creek. Two years after his first visit he returned, trimmed and repaired the fence and left as mysteriously as he came.

Mrs. McClure described him as "of medium height rather stout build unshaved neat in appearance, well but plaine in dress" and she believed him to be a Yorker from his dialect. "He never asked for food but always accepted very thankfully never having eaten in the cabin, always going to

the woods, never carrying firearms. His luggage consisted of a hatchet, trowel, bag and hunting knife.

EBERLY'S CANNING FACTORY

A disasterous fire in the spring of 1942 destroyed not only an industry and livelihood of families but left the community without the services of a custom canning factory. For years it had been an easily accessible source for canning locally grown fruits, vegetables and meats.

The factory, on Waterloo's west side, owned and operated by Russel Eberly who was working near the factory in preparation for a July opening when the fire broke out. Believed to have started from a short circuit in the wiring, the building and contents were a total loss. It was completely engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived.

The loss was estimated at $8000, and the factory was never rebuilt probably because of shortage of materials and equipment during wartime.

ONCE UPON A TIME

"MEMORIES OF PIETY HILL"

by Walt Haislip

Piety Hill, that block of 700 W. Walnut goes back some years in Waterloo history. The name comes from "Arbor Meetings" that were held here years ago. Arbor meetings were summer revivals held by churches to stimulate membership, conducted outside to escape the heat, as there was no air conditioning in those days.

A brick yard was in operation just south of the last house on the hill, now a field. The street to it has been abandoned years ago.

A "Hill" resident wanting to put a little "bang" into New Years Eve tossed a small piece of lighted dynamite into the street. The ground being frozen solid at the time caused considerable rattling of windows, some coming loose, and bad looks from the neighbors for some time after.

Co. Rd. 28 was once U.S. 6 before it was moved north of the railroad.

Rooms for tourists were rented by Sam and Emma Hollopeter, residents of the house on the north, next to the railroad right-of-way

ONCE UPON A TIME

Compiled by Clarence Bowers

In the early days of aviation Waterloo was represented by Devon Bartholmew His father was Alfred Bartholmew, a mail clerk on the New York

Central. They purchased a small plane. The landing field was in the field along county road 24. He just seemed to have a nack for flying and was good at taking off and landing. One day when he was flying at Angola, he did not come out of a dive and crashed his plane.

The Waterloo Press was an interesting weekly paper. The type for it was set by two girls who also set type for the other press work. The Waterloo Annual for the Class of 1917 was printed by the Waterloo Press.

The tower on the southeast corner of the railroads was an interesting and important place. It was part of the operating system of the railroads; somebody was always there to operate the switcher and the signals. The telegraph played an important part. They could call Bryan, Ohio, to see where number 9 was, and if they said it was just going through you could estimate the time and look east and see the headlight of the locomotive. The trains really shook the tower as they went through.

The Town Hall which replaced the Opera House destroyed by the tornado of 1911 became a famous building in the early days of basketball when the town board gave permission to the school to use it for basketball. Although the playing floor was under legal size and the seating capacity was poor and small, many exciting games were played there. And the students had their fun and entertainment.

The test station (telephone sub station) north of Waterloo on County Roads 35 and 24 was an important place for some Waterloo students working their way through school.

In 1916 when the Waterloo Basketball team played the Auburn team many of the Waterloo students went to the game and came home on the interurban.

There was talk of extending the interurban to Hamilton, but crossing the New York Central was the problem.

There was a sawmill north of Mill Street and west of Washington Street. They sawed the lumber for the birch house at 580 North Wayne and the house at 395 North Washington.

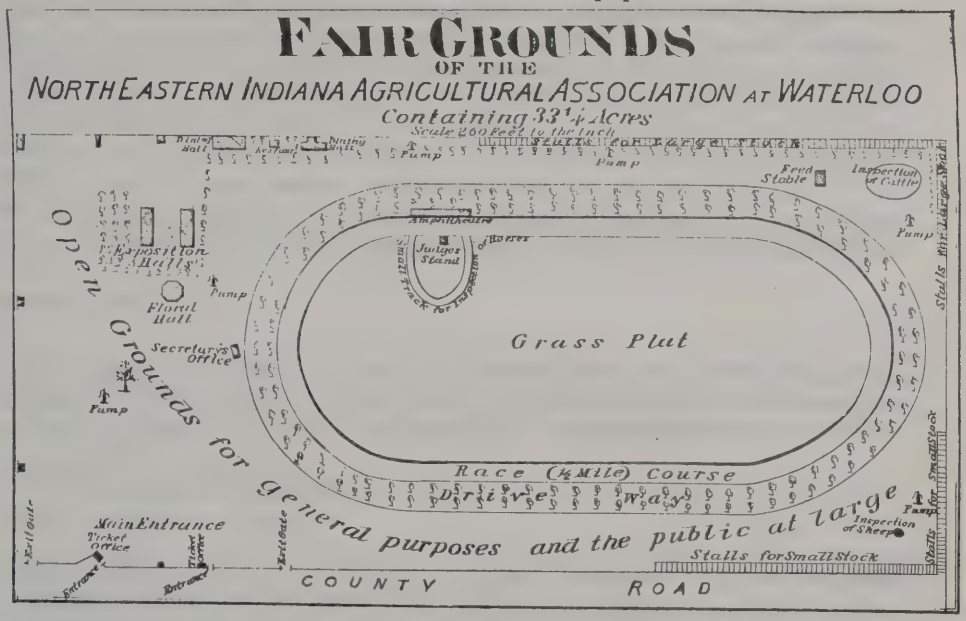
There was a tannery between where the Rock and Dairy Queen are now located - North Wayne just south of the Cedar Creek bridge.

The first school house was in Uniontown, north of the creek. There was also an academy that was well attended for a few years. It was near where the elementary school is now. When the Waterloo High School was on Van Vleek Street, the middle room of upstairs to the south was called the room C. It was the best and had classes in it every period of the day. It was the day of the busy railroads and lots of trains went through; also there was a lot of switching with the old steam locomotives. At times the noise was so loud that the class would have to pause for a while.

Col. A.L. Moudy was superintendent for a period of time. When the high

school was dismissed the students marched in order out from upstairs by the beat of a triangle to the street sidewalk.

One day Waterloo was known for its Fair. The fairground was between roads CR 24, old 27 and CR 39, a triangle shape. It was mainly an agriculture affair and horse racing. Some buildings remained after the fair. As it declined the Angola Fair became more popular.



ONCE UPON A TIME

WALKER, ELI - Justice of the Peace (written by Russell Walker)

My grandfather, Eli Walker, lived one mile north on Old 27 now county road 39. He was born in 1844 and died in 1918. He was Justice of the Peace about in 1870 to 1880 along that time. He held court in the barn at his place. His duties were marriages, family disputes, line fence problems. The owners would move the markers one way or the other to gain more land.

One interesting thing, if they subpoenaed someone they would send a person to serve it and they would receive 10¢ for the trip, which would take several miles.

The barn was a bank barn, one driveway and one haymow on each side. The witness and the Justice of the Peace or the Judge were on the barn floor and the spectators sat in the haymow. Later on, Eli was county commissioner when the DeKalb Court House at Auburn was built.

I tore the barn down and built a new one in 1944. I bought the farm in 1936. There were a lot of records left in the house and I donated them to the Historical Society of DeKalb County. They are, as far as I know, kept at the Auburn Library. They were in pretty bad shape. They said they would restore them. They were all hand written, every trial and fine, and settlement recorded. There were about a dozen books during the term.

"I REMEMBER"

I remember early 40's. When I was first married, old Dr. Ethan Ish told me how old I was by looking at my teeth.

Lucile Wagoner (Mrs. Dale)

I remember when our family first moved to Waterloo we attended the Waterloo Lions Fish Fry-Family Picnic. Being newcomers to the community, we naturally felt like everyone was more or less looking us over. Floyd made a big splash with his first introduction to a whipped cream pressure can. As he shook it and pushed the spout his aim was bad and whipped cream shot across the table liberally decorating the business suit of Mr. Earl Bickel. He good-naturedly laughed about it, but we felt mortified. The new young doctor insisted he be allowed to pay for the dry cleaning, but I don't think he was ever given a bill for his caper.

Eva Coleman

David and Mary Jane Abel come to Waterloo in June 1985, appointed to the United Methodist Church. Enjoyed seeing 2 deer cross the field behind our yard. Enjoy going to the Green Parrot for coffee hour.

David and Mary Jane Abel

How well we remember the Waterloo Centennial in 1956. The band needed new uniforms. Mrs. Gladys Crooks was president of the band parents. To make money, Mrs. Crooks, Cecil and I and Albert Weicht with the help of many others, had a lemonade stand. The weather was extremely warm and dry and we really sold lemonade. People drank it almost as fast as we made it. We also raffled off cakes made by the band member moms. We made money.

Jo Fitch

My name is Patricia Ann Freed Lumpkins. I was born and raised in Waterloo. My mother was Lulu Katherine Zerkle Freed, my father was Shirley Samuel Freed. I lived on West Maple Street across from the Sam Goodwin home.

In my growing up years, I had a very close friend named June Smith. My father would send us to Mr. Jones's ice house, which was located just west of R.P. Wakefield's factory, to get ice. We would take our wagon and on the way home we would take turns sitting on the ice, as it was very hot out, needless to say we would have a big hole melted in it by the time we got home, making my father very mad.

Patricia Ann Freed Lumpkins

MEMORIES: I remember leaving high school at noon lunch hour and walking past Beck's Soda Shop and the most wonderful aroma of fresh baked

bread filled the air. Maude and Erston Beck made the best rock candy. It spilled out on slabs for all to see. It was covered with glass cases. The school kids could buy huge butterscotch suckers that he made for only three cents. What a treat, nothing since has tasted so good.

Opal Poorman Smith

I remember in 1951 our first year here in Waterloo. For the Lions' Club Halloween Party I had made a "Jesters" suit for our son "Rick", but he was too shy to go along, so I rushed out to Wayne Voss' farm, got some fodder and dressed as a "scarecrow". When prizes were awarded I got 1st prize as a boy in costume.

Lottie Graffis

. . . . when they tore down the old hotel on the northwest corner of Maple and Wayne in the 30's and I bought the steps for twenty cents.

Carl Till

. . . . . riding my pony to the depot to see my dad (Wayne Voss) who was Railway Express Agent, talk to the depot workers and visitors, and wave at the engineer of a train. I became so well acquainted with one that he once tossed me a bouquet.
. . . . . when the telegraph operator, Mr. Raney, put me on his lap and let me work the telegraph key.
. . . . . when the Zollner Pistons basketball team played in Fort Wayne and our family had season tickets. Blackie Towry, a player from the south, would throw the ball to me during warm-up before each game. One night I wasn't there and when my dad told him I was sick, he called me on the phone. Too young to recognize a southern accent, I thought he was Donn Lowman.
. . . . . one Christmas on the farm I was sick and was concerned if my pony was all right. To reassure me, my dad brought the pony into the house and into the downstairs bedroom for me to see him.
. . . . . when WIN-T television did live shows in the studio across from Dunn's Dairy Bar where I worked. One day an acrobatic troup's top man on a pyramid didn't show so they came over and got me to fill in.

Karen Feller

. . . . . when I was growing up in Waterloo the ice man made daily visits to our house in his big old truck. We'd run out to greet him and wait until he would chip off some pieces for us. After washing them off, we'd partially wrap them in a clean cloth and chew or suck on them for a long time.
. . . . . Saturday night was "big" night in Waterloo. There was the picture show which I attended regularly and Claud Meeks mobile hamburger stand. Mr. Meeks moved his stand each week to be near the bandstand which was also moved to a new location each week. The hamburger sandwich was unforgetable -- very large and served with dill pickle slices, onions and mustard -- all for a nickle! He also served an ice cream sandwich for a nickle -- ah, those were the days.

. . . . . going to the cemetery in the morning of May 30th to help my mother decorate the graves of our family, and then I joined my young friends at the Town Hall to march to the cemetery in the Memorial Day Parade. We always wore our prettiest summer dresses and each was given a small flag to carry. A good many times it rained on us but it took more than rain to dampen our enthusiasm at that tender age. After a short ceremony at the "mound", complete with rifle salute, we marched back to town to claim our reward -- an ice cream cone at Becks.

Dorothy Dunn

. . . . . the able, dedicated teaching staff I taught with at Waterloo school directed by Principal Ned McIntosh and the very pleasant and efficient Janet Warstler -- a real "jewel" in the office.
. . . . . The pastoral guidance of Reverends Max Smith, Robert Dexter and David Able; and who could forget the superb organ music of Helen Ward, the inspiring music of the choir directed by Marcelle Voss or Bessie Dunn and her children's work.

Sommers and Anne Clark

. . . . . helping bring livestock to the stockyard to be shipped to Buffalo . . . . 25¢ movies at the Lyric Theatre . . . . thick malts served with the tall metal containers at Hamilton's Drug Store.

Bob Bowman

. . . . . teaching sixth grade in 1965-66 in the mobile unit brought in because of overcrowding in the Waterloo School.
. . . . . my class embroidering quiltblocks for a bicentennial quilt in 1975-76 and that same year the class had a pioneer day at our farm where the reading lesson with from a McGuffey Reader, they made rolled-out cookies, bread, butter, jelly and applebutter, cut wood, poured cement, sheered sheep and fed lambs -- what fond memories.

Jean Bowman

. . . . . eating my hat. I kept a promise to the basketball team to eat my black tam if they won the tourney in 1960. They did and I burned the hat, sprinkled the ashes on a hamburger sandwich and ate it in front of the student body at a pep rally.

Ronda Starkey

SINCE 1956 . . .

Wreck on the N.Y.C. derailed cars, nearly hit the tower, operator ran for his life. The express office was hit and ruined. Many cars laid along the right of way. No one was seriously hurt. . . . I-69 was put by Waterloo in the 60's, north to I-75, south nearly to Indianapolis, by-passing Waterloo about two miles on the west. . . . Some new sewer lines and a new treatment plant were put in about 1960. Two new wells were put down on the south side of town, off Walnut St. and a new water tower put up, in the 70's, keeping the

old tower for reserve in case of emergencies. Mr. Clinton Staton was the first manager or engineer. . . . Special ceremonies were held as "Man of the Year" for Dr. John Showalter, who had been the family doctor for many families; coming to our homes day and night to care for those who were ill, delivering babies, and always a good friend who you could talk to and who would help in anyway. Also for Charles Overmeyer, superintendent of Waterloo schools for years, not only a talented educator but one who taught with kindness, good humor and understanding; a good friend to all. Special ceremony was held for Ned and Margaret McIntosh, who retired from Waterloo as principal and teacher. . . . Three new schools have been built since 1956. DeKalb High School, DeKalb Middle School and Waterloo Elementary. . . . The Library has been remodeled. . . . The Railroad Depot moved across the street from the School Park, repaired and painted and Depot Foundation for its perpetuation formed. . . . Many new homes have been built south of Waterloo on County Road 35 and 427. . . . A Doctor's Clinic on Walnut St. and 427. . . A new V.F.W. building north on 427.

Nancy Stuller

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Whittington, moved from Van Wert, Ohio, after I graduated from high school there in 1932, to Waterloo to run the hotel across from the depot. They were there two years. I married Noah in 1934 and remained here after my parents left and returned to Van Wert. . . . I remember that Art Maxwell used to haul the mail from the depot to the Post Office, which was then across from the police station. He pushed a 2 wheeled wooden cart with steel rims that, in time left grooves in the sidewalk. . . . Verna Hamman, Noah's aunt, was one of the telephone operators. The phones were the old crank type. Noah's parent's ring was 6 short rings. There were from 6 to 10 patrons on one party line. There were no private conversations - everybody listened in!! Waterloo had the first dial system in the county. . . . Clyde Willis published the Waterloo Press in a building that is now an empty lot just east of the Town Hall. . . . A corn husker factory was located where Dow Baker now has his insurance office, just south of the R.R. on Wayne St. A handle factory was just west of where Charleston Products is now. Charles Bookmiller had a saw mill where the Kitchen Quip is now. . . . On November 11, 1918, the day World War I ended, a great celebration was held in Waterloo. First there was a parade of cars that made a trip to Garrett - that was a long way in those days - then later in the day the band played, horns tooted - just one big celebration! . . . In 1933 the Ladies Kitchen Band sponsored a home talent play. Noah and I were both in the play, and this is where we met.

Jean Whittington Hamman

Having lived in Waterloo area all my life I have quite a few memories of how the town used to be. I was born and raised on a farm N.W. of Waterloo. I remember 1911, Nov. 11th when a tornado hit and destroyed the town hall. It happened 11 o'clock at night so it was the 11th year, 11th month, 11th day and 11th hour. I was 8 years old and the next morning my father,

Charles Campbell, and brother, Josh Campbell, walked to town (3 miles) in 7° below zero weather to see the damage done. In the downtown area, where Feller's Furniture is, there was Fletcher's Ice Cream Parlor and Simon Stroh's variety store; across the street was Montavons shoe shop. Next to that was an area where men would play croquet and horse shoe. In the block where Sutton's grocery is was Bob Patterson's shoe store, Greuter Bros. grocery, jewelry store, movie theater (silent movies), and the cost of 14 to 25 cents to go. Then J.C. Day's hardward and a pool room on the corner. Back of Sutton's was a millinery store (hat shop), barber shop, Russell Hull's poultry and egg buyers, (later Sherman White's). On down the street (Van Vleek) Tatham's garage and Waterloo Press. Across from Sutton's (east) was the Bank (where it is now), run by H.K. Leas, then Sol Biedler's drug store, McEntarfer's dry goods, D.L. Leas dry goods and shoes. Across (east) from Police Station was the Post Office and Grimm's pool room, back of that was Wareham's barber shop and a shoe repair shop. South of the R.R. on the east side of Wayne was Bonfiglos store and Dr. Showalter's office. And then Zerkle's grocery where the Indiana Decorative factory is, on the other side (west) was Beck's Bakery and Ice Cream store. Then along the R.R. was a feed store and coal yards. Also stock yards where you could bring your livestock for shipment out on the R.R. Out across from Dan's restaurant on the northwest corner of Center St. and U.S. 6, was a flour mill run by Will and Henry Nodine and later by Pliny Gratz. We would bring wheat in and exchange it for flour. It was a grist mill too where we got our grinding done for the livestock. . . . I now live in Waterloo and enjoy the little town.

Mrs. Ruth Freed

When I was a child my grandparents owned a part of the tallest building in Waterloo, the three story building across from the Green Parrot. . . . Grandpa Frank Bevier had a drug store on the first floor and Grandma Bevier had a millinery shop just above it on the second floor. At that time every lady wore a hat when she went out. Grandma made many of the hats she sold. I can yet hear her humming as she worked, and can still smell the dye she used to dye the straw she made into hats. I spent many happy hours in her shop and sometimes if I was very careful, she would let me try them on. They were very colorful and many had large plums, feathers, or flowers on them.. . . My father, Kenneth, worked as a telegraph operator on the N.Y.C. in Waterloo, second trick, seven days a week. On Saturday evenings, Mother, my brother, Donald, and I would go up town and sit in front of grandpa's store and "people watch". In fact, in those days of no T.V. everyone went to town on Saturday evening. Sometimes there were band concerts, but better yet, sometimes a Medicine Show came to town. Oftenthe "Ginnivan Shows" came in summer and pitched a huge tent in what is now the town park. We then had drama and lectures for a week or ten days(the Chautauqua).We had two movies a week, one on Friday and Saturday, and another on Sunday and Monday evenings. We kids could get in for ten cents. . . . I also spent many hours in the telegraph tower where my father worked at the old Depot. I remember the Depot was divided in two parts by the ticket office. Usually the ladies waited in the west end and the gentlemen in the east end. Each end had a large pot-bellied stove and when the weather was cold

there was always a roaring fire going, with the stove door open wide. Waterloo was a great place to grow up, and I have many more memories of a happy childhood. . . . In 1863, because the railroad had just been built a few years before, Dr. William Bevier moved his young family from nearby Salem Center, IN to Waterloo. He established his practice and Drug Store in the three story building on South Main St. Originally he and his wife came to Salem Center from Richland County, Ohio. After his death in 1902, his son Frank, also a Doctor, continued the business until 1937.

Beatrice Bevier Snyder

1920-30
WAYNE ST. LOOKING NORTH
1986

FIRSTS

SCHOOL

The first school house in Waterloo was located at the corner of Center and Walnut (old 6). The Moore's Seminary opened in 1859-1861 at the corner of Douglas and Washington Street. School disbanded as teacher and students joined the army. Another seminary opened somewhere along the present Lockhart Ave., closing when a brick schoolhouse was built in 1872. Then about 1936 the elementary was built.

NEWSPAPER

The Waterloo Press, established in 1859, was one of the oldest newspapers still printed in Indiana. Also one of the oldest undertaking (funeral homes) establishments still operating since about 1857 was Ettinger's Funeral Home which ceased operating in 1969.

The Citizens State Bank for years known as Leas Bank, was founded by H.K. Leas in 1873.

TELEPHONE

First dial telephone in the county; the exchange was owned and operated by Grant Kelley and his wife. This was then sold to General Telephone in 1871.

CHURCH

First Catholic church in the county was built in north Uniontown. First United Brethren church in 1860.

FAIR

In 1873 the Northeastern Indiana Fair Association was organized and about 32 acres of land bought north of Uniontown with buildings, etc. was accredited equal to the State Fair. This fair paid well for 20 years.

BREWERY

William Spriegle at the newly built brewery bought bushels of oats and barley and many pounds of hops from 1861 on to around 1880 in making of ale, a lager and strong beer and real "Bock". The farmers made very profitable sales of grain and corn to the brewery.

In 1840 the first cooper's shop in DeKalb county was opened in Waterloo.

MEDICINE

Dr. William Bevier began practice of medicine around 1860. He bought and sold tons of herbs to drug stores. His son, Frank Bevier, spent his time in Waterloo as physician and printer. James N. Chamberlain, M.D. began

his practice in medicine in Waterloo in 1853. He was elected sheriff in 1858.

OPERA HOUSE

The Waterloo Opera House was built about 1891, and according to sound experts, had the most perfect accoustic qualities ever built in northern Indiana. Professional actors and speakers were exuberant in their praise of the building and its setting. It blew down in the cyclone of 1911 to be replaced in the next year by the Town Hall.

Opera House in Waterloo. This building was destroyed in a cyclone on Nov. 11, 1911 at 11 p.m. The building on the right was the Waterloo Press. It was destroyed by fire in Sept. 1974.

DENIS POORMAN, Town Marshall 1913. West side of Wayne St. looking south. (Opal Smith's father).

CLUBS

MINERVA CLUB (written by Lottie Graffis)

The Waterloo Ladies Minerva Club is well into its second century, having celebrated its 100th year in the 1983-84 season.

On a cold January 24 in 1884 a small group of Waterloo ladies met to organize a literary club. Quote from their Preamble of Constitution; "We therefore form ourselves together into a society for the one object of mind culture." There have been very few additions to the original constitution. It has stood the test of time.

Pledges to the Christian and American Flags, Mary Stewart's "Collect" for women and devotions are a part of every club meeting.

The name Minerva was taken from the Greek goddess of wisdom. She supposedly created the owl. The club motto is, "Who does not advance goes backward," club colors are light green and white, and the club flower the white carnation.

Officers were elected every 3 months so that each might become familiar with parliamentary procedure and acquire poise and composure in presiding. This was done for 10 years.

Through the years many study books have been used, speakers brought in, and books reviewed. Originally, programs were in two parts, the study course and then recitations, essays, debates, news summaries, or music.

Although the club was founded as a literary club, it has taken part in community projects, initiating putting Christ back in Christmas by businesses, tree plantings in Waterloo, and always active in use and promotion of the library, giving books as memorials of deceased members.

The second meeting in January is known as Founders' Day. To become a member, one must write a request to the club asking to join. Many lasting friendships and associations have been created with that simple note.

THE PROGRESSIVE LITERARY CLUB OF WATERLOO

(Written by Bessie Dunn)

The Progressive Literary Club of Waterloo was organized in 1896. The purpose of the organization shall be to increase the facilities for the intellectual and social culture of its members.

The club met every Friday of each week at 7 o'clock throughout the year except during such months the club decided by vote not to meet. The motto was and still is, "Not for self, but for all." The colors were green and white and rose was the club flower.

The club joined the Indiana Federation of Clubs in 1901, District Federated in 1909 and Universal Federated in 1956. Later the hours were changed to meet the first and third Thursdays of the month due to basketball games on Friday nights; later the meetings were changed to the second Thursday of each month. They meet in the homes of the members.

The former years the members enjoyed sleigh rides, music programs, box socials and many unique programs.

Twenty-five members composed the first club organization and there was also a waiting list. Today literary clubs have fewer members due to people having so many other things they belong to and also children going to different schools.

THE ROLLING PINS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' CLUB

The Rolling Pins Extension Homemakers' Club was organized for Auburn-Waterloo young homemakers in the fall of 1966 as a result of a class offered by the DeKalb County Home Extension Service.

Serving as the first officers were: President, Niki Pinkerton; Vice-President, Judy Pollack; Secretary, Jean Rinehold; Treasurer, Mary Rakestraw; Reporter, Jo-Ann Stout; Health and Safety Leader, Ruth Shoudel; Song Leader, Shirley Myers.

Others who actively participated during the first club year were: Pam Charleston, Betty Hamman, Janice Lockwood, Alice Pfefferkorn, Sharon Reinoehl, Donna Rinehold, Sharon Rowe, Judy Shultz, Mary Jane Stackhouse, and Karen Walker.

The profit made at a bake sale in 1967 was given to the Red Cross for Viet Nam soldiers' ditty bags.

One highlight in Club history was the sponsorship of a number of community projects in 1971 and 1972 with the proceeds going to Andrea Hart, the daughter of Jerry and Jo Hart of Waterloo, who was born with an open spine. Nearly $3,000 was raised from bake sales, various donations from county organizations, and a Bridal Fashion Show featuring over 65 wedding gowns and attendants' gowns dating from the years 1880 to 1972. Necia Myers designed new fashions for an entire wedding party as the grand finale to the Bridal Fashion Show.

Members still actively participate in annual Extension Club activities such as the Holiday Workshop, DeKalb County Fair, Tasting Bee, Style Show, and serve as county officers and committee members.

Janice L. Shultz, Secretary
Judy Ditmars, Historian

COUNTRY CHARM HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Country Charm Homemakers Club was organized in 1954 with eight members present. The club now has fourteen members: Roma Baker (Charter member, Jo Donat, Jenyce Grate, Corky May, JoAnn Owens, Phyllis Pepple, Gloria Seiss, Wilnia Sherck, Paula Slentz, Judy Sommers, Nancy Sommers, Jane Stafford and Pat Williams.

ORGANIZATIONS IN 1986

Lions Club
Depot Foundation
Civic Organization
Library
Minerva Club
Country Charm Extension Club
Athletic Association
Literary Club
Eastern Star
Masonic Lodge
Jolly Time Club
V.F.W. Auxiliary
Humane Society
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Stitch & Chatter Club
Fire Department
Fire Auxiliary

D.K. & L. INC.

D.K. & Inc., General Contractors, was founded in 1976 in Waterloo, Indiana, by David L. Dangler, William (Bill) Kennedy, and James (Jim) Lung. The name of the company derived from the last names of the owners, D-Dangler, K-Kennedy, and L-Lung.

The three started the corporation with the office being in Bill Kennedy's home, with their storage of equipment being scattered all around the community. In 1978 they moved into the building across from the Green Parrott. Then in 1979 it was moved to the present location, the old Waterloo Lumber Company, just south of the railroad on Wayne Street. This building finally allowed enough storage space to be located in only one spot. Jim Lung left the company in 1981. The officers now are Pres. David Dangler and Sec.-Treas. Bill Kennedy.

They are general contractors doing most all types of carpentry construction. The number of employees varies with the seasons, ranging from 3 - 15. The bookkeeper or office personnel has always been Leora Dangler with some temporary part-time help.

HUGHES, DR. WM. BRADLY

Wm. Bradly Hughes, M.D. and Ben Graber, M.D. built the Family Doctor Clinic during the spring and summer of 1964 and started the practice of medicine in September of 1964. They practiced together until August of 1977 at which time Dr. Graber went into emergency room medicine. Dr. Hughes has remained in solo practice at the same site, 605 South Wayne Street. Pat Cline, R.N. has been office nurse since 1967. Joan Grill has been the business manager since 1973. Sharon Payne has been the receptionist since 1974. Connie Wolf, R.N. has been a part-time nurse since 1973.

RINEHOLD TACK & WESTERN WEAR

Dale and Jean (Sebert) Rinehold, owners of Rinehold Tack & Western Wear, opened their doors for business in 1968 in a remodeled garage on their farm at 4445 CR 22, northwest of Waterloo. Dale was making a lot of harnesses for pulling ponies at the time and doing leather repair work. In 1970 a small addition was put on the front of the store adding about 250 square feet. Western boots and straw hats were added to the inventory of saddles, tack and grooming aids. The Rineholds also had a small traveling tack trailer that they used to take their equipment to horse shows. 1978 brought a year of big changes. Two thousand square feet were added, almost tripling the size of the store. It had now become a full-time family business. Inventory was increased to include a complete line of western wear for adults and children, show clothes for the 4-Hers and serious showmen. Another 700 square feet were added in 1982 to spread out their growing inventory. Today the tack shop employes one part-time employee and their children, Cheryl and Tim, help out occasionally. The store stocks up to 1000 pairs of boots, 40 new and used saddles and fashionable western wear for the whole family. Dale and Jean's latest acquisition is a new 40' tack trailer to better serve the horse showman's needs on the spot. Without a doubt, Rinehold Tack & Western Wear is one of the largest and most complete stores of its kind in the Tri-State area.

GREEN PARROTT RESTAURANT

Since 1978 this rather special eating and meeting place at the south end of the business district has been owned and operated by Keith D. Ordway. It averages

15 employees and seats about 60 customers ranging from the daily coffee drinkers to the crowd who wait in line to get seated for the specials run each week.

Reuah Bixler Davis remembers when she and the late Rollin (Bix) Bixler and a macaw bird who resembled a parrot, of course, bought the decrepit restaurant in 1929. People didn't eat out much during the Depression. But with renovations, home baking and home cooking and the bird perched on a stand near the front door, it became a landmark known for fried chicken, homemade pie, fish and a hospitable manner that through the years changed the eating habits of the town.

Moreover, before Fort Wayne lost to Detroit its basketball team, the Zollner Pistons, the Parrott was a haven for sports personalities who came to Waterloo on the railroad, changed to motor coach or car, and on their way to Fort Wayne stopped off for a hot breakfast, to drink coffee or eat cheeseburgers at the unpretentious Green Parrott. The town of Waterloo, in a casual way, in that era, probably saw more basketball talent on a personal basis than the fans at Madison Square Garden.

Some former successful owners of the Parrott owners were Austin and Annette Feller who ran the restaurant in the early 60's, selling it in 1965. The Bixlers had sold the business in 1943.

DR. ROGER ISH, DENTIST

After leaving the Navy in 1946, Dr. Ish located in his home town Waterloo in association with Dr. W.R. Newcomer who had started the practice above Smith's Tavery in downtown Waterloo in 1902. A year later, 1903, his father-in-law, Mr. Brandenberry, who lived on Rope Street built the present office at 335 N. Wayne a half block south of the stoplight. The office was built of cement block from the Bartlett Stone Co. which was located just east of the Waterloo Cemetery.

Dr. Newcomer practiced part-time after Dr. Ish joined him and retired in 1957. Dr. Ish continues in the same location, now open three days a week.

KEITH'S SERVICE

The Marathon Service Station has been on the northwest corner of South Wayne and Maple since the 1930's, having taken the place of the Fee Hotel where Granny Fee held forth as a cook for many years.

The sole owner and operator is Keith D. Ordway who has had the station since 1872 and bought the building along with the Green Parrott building north of the station from Robert Stonestreet in 1978. Former operators of the station were Elmer Wagers, Ray Fee, Glenn Hubartt, Jerry Ordway, Earl Warstler, Wayne Ordway, George Buss, Olen Roberts, Nick Goodwin, Bill Rose and Pete Smalley.

CEDAR CREEK VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK

(written by Laurie How)

Cedar Creek Village Mobile Home Park was founded in 1964 by Jack Brand. It was also built by Brand. The present owner is Robert J. Sanders, St. Petersburg, FL and was purchased 2-1/2 years ago by Mr. Sanders. The present managers are Marvin and Laurie Howe. The Mobile Home Park has 116 pads with 75 rentals. There are approximately 300 people living in the mobile home park. The residents have been helping to clean up and improve the park. They are presently working towards buying playground equipment for their children. The laundramat is run by the M.H. Park. It has 33 washers of assorted sizes and 11 dryers. It is the only laundramat in Waterloo. It is open from 7:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M., seven days a week. It is closed only on major holidays.

DAR LYNN'S BEAUTY SALON

Opened October, 1972 at 330# North Wayne. Moved to a new shop and present location at home at 230 E. Marion Street on September 14, 1982. Owner and operator - Darlyn Charleswood. Open - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

DOW BAKER INSURANCE AGENCY

Dow Baker Insurance Agency is an independently owned agency located at 105 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN. This agency sells all types of Insurance, Health, Life, and Group, also Property and Casualty (Home, Auto and Farm).

Dow Baker started in the insurance business in 1962, in Indianapolis, IN, where he worked in the Health and Life market. In 1964 he transferred to a Fort Wayne agency, and moved to DeKalb county. In 1978 he added the Property and Casualty line of Insurance to his business, became an independent agent, and opened his agency. At the present time Mr. Baker writes insurance with 14 insurance companies and has 22 brokers and sub-agents working under him. In 1983, Mr. Baker's wife, Darola, became a licensed Property and Casualty agent and works part time with her husband. Their daughter, Sandra Cleverly, has recently become licensed in Health and Life and is training to work with her father in his business.

The Baker Agency has 24 years of experience in the insurance business, and is ready to meet all insurance needs.

DUNN BROS.

Dunn Bros. Implement store was established in July 1938, as a partnership by Albert and Raymond Dunn, brothers.

The partnership purchased Russell Shoemaker's inventory and assumed the International Harvester Co. contract for farm machinery and repairs, located in the 100 block of West Van Vleek St., Waterloo.

In October 1939, the partnership purchased property at 280 South Wayne St., Waterloo and moved to that location. They continued in business at that location, selling farm machinery, repairs and servicing farm machines for the farmers of this area. In 1973 they gave up the contract with International Harvester Co. and since have continued selling repair parts and servicing farm machines.

PORCH SALON

(written by Penny Hobbs, owner)

We moved to our home in May 1977. I opened my Beauty Salon, in September 1980. My husband Jim, fixed it for me and also named it the Porch Salon. I really enjoy my work and all the people that have made it possible for me to have a successful business. It's nice being able to work in my home with the kids being right here!

MAX LIKENS & SON MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

Max Likens & Son Masonry Construction of Waterloo was originally formed by Max Likens and Guy Helbert of Auburn and was called Helbert & Likens in 1956. The business was taken over by Mr. Likens when Mr. Helbert moved to California in 1957. At this time the business became known as Max Likens Masonry Construction. He and his wife Ruth, who was Secretary at the Waterloo School from 1965-75, lived with their three sons on Co. Rd. 28, one mile east of Waterloo. Mr. Likens was assisted in the masonry trade during the summer months by sons, Mark, Marty and Scott. In 1976, son Scott joined in the business as a tender and was taught the trade by his father. It then became known as Max Likens & Son Masonry Contruction. When Mr. Likens died in 1981,

Scott continued the business until January 1986, when he discontinued the business to join Auburn Concrete Construction Co. in Auburn, doing masonry work.

Many beautiful fireplaces and pieces of masonry art work were built in homes in and around DeKalb Co. They will stand for many years as a reminder of their fine skill. One of the last projects completed shortly before his death are the entry posts at Feller Funeral Home.

SCHIFFLI PORTABLE WELDING

Schiffli Portable Welding was begun by Donald E. Schiffli, sole owner and operator, in 1968 at 716 S. Phillip St., in Auburn, IN with welder in step-van. The business was moved in September 1972 to 3369 CR 22, Waterloo, IN. The type of business is repair welding.

FELLER FUNERAL HOME AND FURNITURE STORE

Lottie and Wendell Graffis opened the Graffis Furniture Store in Waterloo in July of 1950. The store was opened at it's present location, 325 N. Wayne St. The building was purchased from Mr. Curt Childs. Lottie and Wendell Graffis opened the Graffis Funeral Home in November 1952. They were located in the Citizens State Bank building on east Marion Street in Waterloo. They built a new funeral home on old 427 S. in 1961. Karen and Ron Feller purchased both the furniture and funeral business from Mr. & Mrs. Graffis on January 1, 1977. The two businesses are still located at the same addresses. The two businesses were incorporated into the name of Feller-Graffis Incorporated. Karen and Ron operated the two businesses alone until 1983. In August of 1983 David Feller joined his parents in the business and was given stock options. Officers of the corporation are: Ronald E. Feller, President, David W. Feller, Vice President, Karen D. Feller, Secretary-Treasurer.

ROSEMARY'S BEAUTY SHOP

Rosemary's was founded in 1968 in her home at 4723 CR 12, north of Waterloo. The owner and manager is Rosemary Bender and she runs the beauty shop herself.

TRI-STATE CYCLE

Our business was started in 1981 at 160 W. Van Vleek St., Waterloo, IN. The owner is Troy Boman and he employs 6 people doing both retail and service on Suzuki and Kawasaki Motorcycles. When cleaning out the attic we discovered that in 1915 this location was a Harley Davidson Motorcycle Shop. Later on the owner took on the Ford Auto. It became the first Ford Agency in DeKalb county and was owned by Walla (W.C.) Tatham.

SATTISON REFRIGERATION, INC.

Sattison Refrigeration, Inc. was founded in December of 1956 by Clay and Jim Sattison. Sole purpose was to sell and service appliances and refrigeration, both domestic and commercial. The address has remained the same. They started working out of their Mother and Father's grocery store located at the same address, 448 S. Center St., Waterloo. In April of 1959 they added a building to the north of the grocery. When the folks quit the grocery business in 1968, they bought the building.

Clay and Jim ran the business with the help of an office girl until Mark Sattison, Jim's son, joined them in 1974. In 1976 they stopped doing household appliance work and concentrated on commercial refrigeration only. They acquired the distributor franchise of Warren Sherer equipment, out of Georgia, for the state of Indiana in 1970. In 1979 they received an award for outstanding distributor of the year. Since that they have received several awards for quota

buster.

The major extent of their work consists of installation of refrigeration equipment in new and existing grocery stores and the maintenance of that equipment. At the present there are a total of 6 employees: Clay, Jim, Mark, Bill Millay (Clay's son-in-law), Cindy Akey (Secretary), and Jean Gronendyke (Bookkeeper).

K & W WELL DRILLING

K & W Well Drilling was established in May of 1976, at 5334 CR 16, Waterloo, as a partnership of Tim Wolfe and Don Kaufman. In 1982 Don Kaufman became the sole owner. We drill 2 and 5 inch wells and offer repair service to pumps, tanks and any size well up to 5 inches. We sell Flint and Walling and Tait pumps, Well Xtrol tanks and can obtain other product lines of the customer's preference. We have two employees and can offer reliable service and quality products.

KELLEY AND WATERLOO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Albert (Ab) Kelley, grandfather of Grant Kelley, started the Waterloo Telephone Exchange in 1898 in the Locke Hotel, which he owned. The hotel was on the northwest corner of Washington and Van Vleek and it had a booth for long distance calls only. He later installed a small switchboard. In 1910 the hotel was sold and the Waterloo Telephone Exchange built its own building just west of the hotel. In 1911 Ab died and his son Eugene became the sole owner of the exchange. He also maintained equipment, installed telephones and sold service to new subscribers and even served as operator. Later his sons Albert and Grant joined him. Dial equipment was installed in 1946. After Gene's death in 1962 Alfred and Grant became owners and managers and the next year Alfred sold his interest to Grant and his wife Cyrille. They managed it until 1971 when they sold it to the General Telephone Co., Inc.

The three generations also served as Waterloo postmasters, Ab under Cleveland, Gene under Wilson and Grant under Roosevelt (FDR). Today much of the original equipment of the exchange has been placed in a telephone museum in Indianapolis.

Grant, the son of Eugene and Carrie (Tripplet) Kelley, married Cyrille Duncan and they have a daughter Sally Kelley Barnes and two grandchildren, Philip and Karen.

SUTTONS MARKETS, INC.

Donald and Evelyn Sutton started in the grocery business in 1940 when they purchased a store in Hamilton. In 1952 they sold that store and purchased a small one-room store in Waterloo. The store was purchased from Fern Greuter. There were five grocery stores in Waterloo at the time. Over the years Suttons bought the buildings that were on each side of them. They first purchased a grocery store on the corner, then Pomeroy's Hardware and finally the Lyric (Joy) Theater. The present store is the combination of all four buildings.

In the late 1960's Suttons purchased stores in Hamilton and Angola, and in 1973 they purchased a store in Butler. They now operate all four stores and employ about 165 people.

Suttons Markets continues to sponsor and support civic programs as begun by Don, especially sports and specifically baseball. They sponsored the team which in 1965 won the Stan Musial World Series, the smallest town in history ever to win a national crown.

Don (Dec. 1984) and Evelyn were the parents of four children, James of Waterloo who heads the business, Dennis an attorney in Fort Wayne, Mavis Piatek in Angola store and Marva Eberly a teacher in Waterloo School.

HAMILTON & SON DRUGS

In 1927 L.C. Hamilton of Clarion, Iowa, bought the Dunkle Drug Store from Hi Dunkle. Mr. Dunkle had put the store up for sale because his hearing impairment had made it too difficult to continue. Mr. Hamilton had just recently sold his store in Clarion and was touring by auto on U.S. 6 (Old Road 6) on a trip to New York City, that he had promised his wife they would make someday. They stopped overnight in Waterloo and he was intrigued by the "for sale" sign on the Drug Store. Two days later he had purchased the store and asked his son, Warren and his wife, Eva, to join them, forming the third Hamilton & Son Drugs.

In March of 1928, James was born, and in November, L.C. was stricken and died. W.C. Hamilton operated the store with the help of his wife and retired telephone operator, Vinnie Myers, through the Great Depression and World War II. During these years the store was not only a pharmacy but also featured its soda fountain, wallpaper and paint, and school books and supplies. Each year in August the store would be transformed to a book store, even offering a "used" book department.

In 1952 James graduated from Purdue and joined Warren in the 4th Hamilton & Son Drugs. In 1957 they became the bus station as well. In 1963 they purchased another store in Angola, then in October of 1964 W.C. died while closing the store with Jim. Both stores were operated through 1971 by Jim and his wife, Janet.

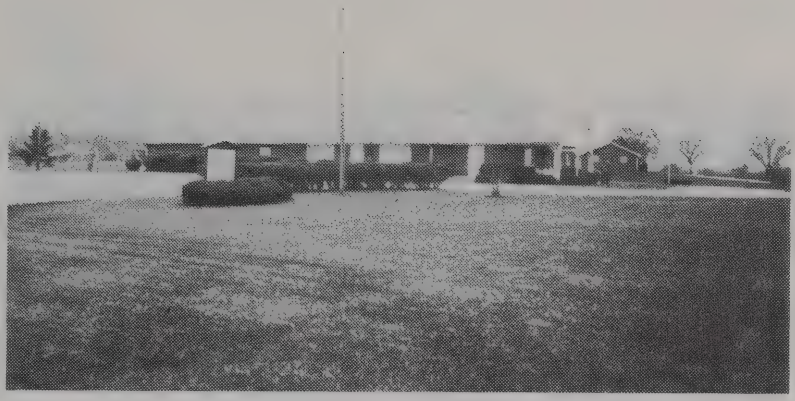
In 1971, Hook Drugs purchased the Angola store and a year later they bought the Waterloo Store as the chain store era finally overtook DeKalb County. With the closing of Hamilton & Son Drugs in Waterloo, 110 years of pharmacy in Waterloo and 83 years of family pharmacy come to an end. The Hamiltons were prominent and respected citizens. They have moved to Auburn, but have not removed their ties here. Eva will always be remembered for her leadership, friendliness and cooperative spirit. She was active in many civic and church organizations and a member of Minerva Literary Club for over 50 years.

WATERLOO SPRING JUBILEE, MAY 19, 1900
East Side of North Wayne Street

THOMAS LAW OFFICE, N. WAYNE & UNION

CITIZENS STATE BANK, 280 N. WAYNE

SPEED-E-MART, N. WAYNE & UNION



FELLER FUNERAL HOME, SR 427 S

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LAUB'S FOOD MART, S. WAYNE & WALNUT STS.

KEITH'S MARATHON, GREEN PARROTT RESTAURANT
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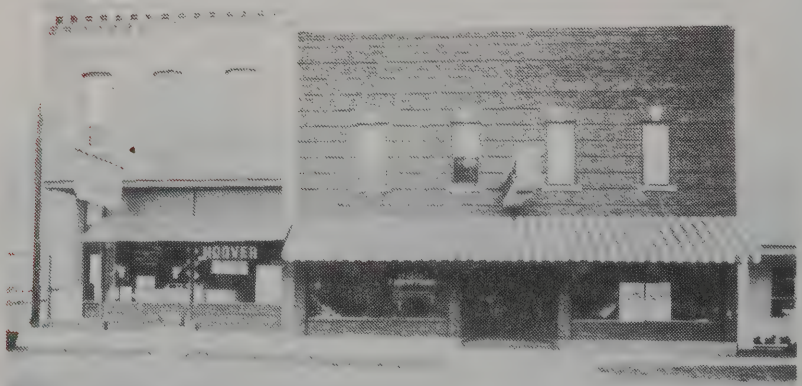
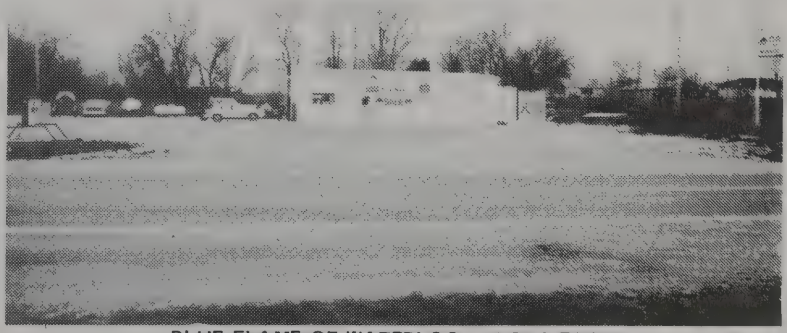
105 S. WAYNE ST.



FELLER FURNITURE STORE, 325 N. WAYNE ST.

AGRIPRO — U.S. 6 WEST



BLUE FLAME OF WATERLOO — U.S. 6 EAST

KITCHEN-QUIP, INC. — 405 E. MARION

WATERLOO CROSSROADS FESTIVAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1986

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Used Book Sale – Library
10:00 A.M.	Old Fashion Story Hour – Library
2:00 P.M.	Old Fashion Story Hour – Library
5:00 P.M.	Chicken Bar BQ (United Methodist Women) – Park
6:00 P.M.	Closet - Nook - Crannie Sale (Fire Aux.) – Fire Barn
	Minor League Ball Game – School
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	1937 Film of Waterloo – Charles & Dorothy Dunn's
7:30 P.M.	Minor League Ball Game – School
	Buckskinners Camp – Park
	Boy Scouts Camp – Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1986

7:00 - 9:00 A.M.	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (Civic Club) – Park
9:00 A.M.	Closet - Nook - Crannie Sale (Fire Aux.) – Fire Barn
	Art & Craft Booths - Concession Stands - Games (Country Charm Ext. Hmkrs.) – Park
9:30 A.M.	Dog Show (Humane Society) – Park Band Stand
10:00 A.M.	Quilt Show (Progressive Literary Club)
	Pony League Tournament – School
	Strawberry Tent (Civic Club) – Park
10:30 A.M.	Little King & Queen Winners Announced – Park
10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Old Settlers Registration (Jolly Time Club) – Park SH
11:00 A.M.	Senior King & Queen Winners Announced – Park
Noon - 6:00 P.M.	1937 Film of Waterloo – Charles & Dorothy Dunn's
12:30 P.M.	PARADE – Clarence Bowers, Grand Marshal
	Stan Smith, M.C.
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Used Book Sale – Library
	Old Car Demolition (Civic Club) – Park
1:00 P.M.	Fire Dept. Demonstrations – Fire Station
	Open Horseshoe Pitching (Cash Prizes) – Park
	Pie Judging (Jolly Time Club) – Park Shelter House
	Boy Schout Demonstrations – Park
1:30 P.M.	Ice Cream Social (Depot Foundation) – Depot
	Square Dancers (Tri-County Skirts & Shirts) – VanVleek
All Afternoon	Old Model-A Fire Engine Rides (Fire Dept.)
3:00 P.M.	Old Fashion Town Board Mtg. – Park Band Stand
3:30 P.M.	Pie Auction (Jolly Time Club), Stan Smith, Auctioneer
4:00 - 8:30 P.M.	Tee Ball – School
5:00 P.M.	Beard Contest Registration – Park Band Stand
	Don Pressler Music – Park Band Stand
6:00 P.M.	Beard Judging – Park Band Stand
9:00 P.M.	Fireworks – School

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1986

12 Noon	Picnic in the Park, Strawberry Tent, Games, Art & Crafts, Concessions, Boy Scout Demonstrations (Park) Closet - Nook - Crannie Sale – Fire Barn
12:30 P.M.	Pony League Tournament – School
2:00 P.M.	Garden Tractor Pull – South of Park across street
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Historic Tour of Waterloo – Shuttle from ME Church Parking Lot.
2:30 P.M.	Childrens Games – Park
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Local Talent (Fun Entertainment) – Park Band Stand
7:00 P.M.	Closing Services FRYE FAMILY SINGERS sponsored by local Churches – Park Band Stand

1986 WATERLOO FIRST ANNUAL CROSSROADS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

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Ronda Starkey - Co-chairman
Janet Ordway - Secretary-Treasurer

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Civic Organization - Pat Lumpkins, Ray Henderson
Depot Foundation - Ida Mae Hartman
Minerva Club - Pat Fynquist
Jolly Times Club - Betha Crowl, Mary Jane Abel, Luella Gurtner
Country Charm Extension Homemakers - Paula Slentz
Boy Scouts - Judy Crowl, Wade Castator
United Methodist Womens Society - Onalee Moughler
Library - Ed Sheehy
Fire Department - Kevin Moughler, William Powell, Jarvis Hollar, David Dangler
Firemans Auxiliary - Janet Moughler, Leora Dangler
Business - Vonnie Tharp, Ronald Feller
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Nazarene Church - Rev. Robert James
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INDUSTRIES

CHARLESTON METAL PRODUCTS, INC.

(Compiled by H.R. Tucker)

The business was started in 1946 in Fort Wayne, Indiana as Charleston Screw-Machine Products, a partnership of George Charleston and Howard Tucker. In March 1950 it moved to Grant Street in Waterloo and incorporated as Charleston Metal Products, Inc.

George Charleston's interest was purchased by Howard Tucker in January 1956 and moved across Grant Street to the present location. There has been a steady growth as the plant has been enlarged with nine different additions.

June 1960 the H & N Screw Machine products of Selma, Indiana (Delaware County) was purchased and has continued to operate as H & N Machine Division. Primary product is machining of precision parts for a variety of industries including Automotive, Farm Machinery, Food Processing, Electric Motors, Power Tools, etc.

The plant presently utilizes 70,000 square feet of manufacturing space and employs 88 skillful people in the two locations. Officers are: George W. Tucker, Pres., Ruth Tucker, V. Pres., Keith Mullett, Sec.-Treas., Howard Tucker, Chairman of the Board.

CHARLESTON METAL PRODUCTS—350 N. Grant St.

AIR-WAY MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Air-Way Manufacturing Company was founded in 1950 by Mr. Raymond A. Hamm in Romeo, Michigan and moved to Olivet, Michigan in 1955. Air-Way established two additional plant facilities. One in Waterloo, Indiana and the other in Edgerton, Ohio, in 1964. The company headquarters are located in Olivet, Michigan. The Waterloo plant employs 80 people.

The Company has grown consistently over the past 36 years, and today, is a major manufacturer and supplier of steel hydraulic fittings for the construction, material handling, agricultural and industrial equipment manufacturers throughout the continental United States, Canada, parts of Europe and most other continents.

R.P. WAKEFIELD CO., INC.

Richard P. Wakefield began manufacturing wooden toys for the chain stores. He was located on Detroit's north side. Richard Pope Sr. steered him into auto parts made of wood; that is, arm rests, tire covers, etc. He had the urge to leave the Detroit area and chose Waterloo. He came in 1945. He bought the Disciples of Christ Church building and converted it into a factory. Henry Link told me his grandmother was buried from this building.

There were numerous additions but the original building still exists as it was put in place in 1874. I have a list of donors who subscribed at that date to the church. I have a quote by Thomas Jones to furnish and install the brick for walls at cost of $13.00 per 1000 to lay the bricks only he would charge $3.50M. Besides he would make a contribution to the church.

In 1962, on November 3, the business was purchased by Donald Ruegsegger and Robert Wyatt. New ideas quite radical in nature brought life and productivity to the corporation. Specifically, punch presses were used to make holes and shape plywood. Tee nuts were stamped into the wood without prior preparation.

The business continues. Mr. Wyatt's stock was purchased. The auto parts are no longer produced. All parts were designed away when the conversion of large cars to compacts was completed.

Presently the corporation is producing a large variety of wooden parts for the R.V. industry and many kinds of molding in several species of wood. There are 50 employees.

(Written by Donald Ruegsegger)

R.P. WAKEFIELD CO., INC.—600 W. Maple St.

ELSIE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

(Written by Donald Ruegsegger)

The Elsie Manufacturing Company came into existence in the early 50's in Detroit, MI when Donald Ruegsegger invented and received a patent on a fusible link. This particular link was used in ventilating shutters. Several different kinks of links have been patented. The newer links are UL approved and are produced to their restrictions.

We are likely the world's largest manufacturer of links that are used with fire doors and fire dampers. There are 9 employees.

INDIANA DECORATIVE PRODUCTS, INC.

(Owners - Gracie and Rex Dangler)

This business was started in 1961, in a two car garage, by Don Dangler, Sr. assisted by his wife Gracie and son Rex. They soon received more orders than could be handled, and Don bought the bus building at 210 S. Wayne St. in 1968. The business prospered, they purchased the building adjoining on the north, in 1970, from Chester Frick. In 1972 and 1978 additions were added to the east.

In 1983, a new building was erected on Rd. 6 east of Waterloo, in 1984 another building was put up to care for expanding business. They have purchased the building north of the main building on Wayne St. for office space. Indiana Decorative now employs forty four employees.

INDIANA DECORATIVE PRODUCTS—210 S. Wayne St.

WATERLOO INDUSTRIAL PARK

In 1985 Waterloo Industrial Park a half-mile west of Waterloo stretching from U.S. 6 south to the railroad and encompassing 110 acres was officially formed by the Waterloo Industrial Development Corporation. A state grant of $350,000 for infrasttucture (water, sewer, roads) was approved in the spring of 1986.

Members of the Waterloo Industrial Development Corporation: Steve Walter, president, Janet Ordway, Juanita Crowl, Ronald Feller, Charles Farrington, William Hubartt, Robert Seifert, Rois Ward, Ida Mae Hartman, William James and Ray Fee.

Several interested industries are investigating the possibilities of locating in the park in the near future.

WATERLOO ALUMINUM CASTINGS

This industry opened in June 1986 and makes aluminum castings to service the boating, machine-tool and automotive industry. Situated at the west end of Maple Street in a new building, the shop, owned and operated by Richard E. Ousley, is a "green-sand foundry" using sand to form molds for castings. At present the industry has five employees but expects to expand employment in the near future.

WATERLOO WATER UTILITY

The Town of Waterloo entered into an agreement with Water Utilities, Inc., of Warsaw, Indiana, in December 28, 1979 for the purchase of water utility for $315,000. A loan was obtained from FmHA on January 28, 1981 for $1,082,000. at the rate of 5% interest for 40 years to purchase utility, build an iron removal system, construct a 200 thousand gallon elevated tank, improve mains, and build a water plant. The Clerk Treasurer moved the office of the town into the building in December of 1981.

WATERLOO TOWN, WATER & SEWAGE OFFICES—385 W. Walnut St.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

On January 1, 1961, the Town of Waterloo issued Sewage Works Revenue Bonds in the amount of $162,000 to mature on January 1, 1992 for additions and improvements to the Town's sewage works by constructing additions to existing wastewater treatment facility, pond, and piping and appurtenances. Additional bonds were issued April, 1976 in the amount of $50,000 to mature on January 1, 1987.

SCHOOLS

In 1962 the Waterloo-Grant Schools combined with Ashley-Smithfield to form the Northwest United School Corporation with offices in the back of the bank building at the corner of Wayne and Marion. The superintendent was Urban Steckler who had been principal of the Waterloo school since 1959.

The Northwest United Schools combined with the Southeast DeKalb County School District (Auburn and Union and Jackson Twp.) to form the DeKalb County Central United School District in 1965. This district continues under the leadership of Supt. James R. Watson. The Waterloo, Grant, Richland school board of trustees representative is Lowell Stucky of Waterloo. He did not run for re-election in 1986 and Gary Henderson of Waterloo will be on the board beginning July 1, 1986.

Mr. Charles A. Overmeyer, an almost native son, was in the Waterloo Schools from 1931-1959 serving as superintendent for 24 years. In 1959 he went to Auburn as an elementary school principal and then was Director of Special Services for DeKalb Central until his retirement in 1972. In a quote for an article in the Evening Star at the time of his retirement, "Mr. O.' for the last 40 years has been an educator but also, Sunday School teacher, lay leader, Bible Study teacher and humanitarian. He and his wife Myrtle have been instrumental in the success of the Northeast Mental Health Center. For all this and more he will be honored Sunday."

WATERLOO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—E. Douglas St.

Another native son who was an educator in the Waterloo school was Ned McIntosh. He taught for 24 years, was a guidance director 2 years, principal of Grades K-12 from 1966-67 and principal of Waterloo Elementary School 1967-1978. He introduced the basics of all sports, especially basketball, to hundreds of boys who went through Waterloo School. The community honored Ned and his wife, Margaret Ann, for their many years as educators, on May 7, 1978 at the Waterloo School.

In 1980 a new elementary school opened just east of the old school site on East Douglas Street. "As the new building was being built, everyone

watched with excitement, probably as great as it was in 1926 when the old school building was being built. The new school is one of the entire community of Waterloo can be proud of. It will serve the community for many, many years.'' It was dedicated on October 19, 1980.

The old building was torn down in July of 1980. The ghost of many memories escaped the demolition, and many new memories will be made by the students who pass through the halls of the new school.

THE LAST OF THE ONE ROOM SCHOOLS IN GRANT TOWNSHIP

Written by Pearl Smith

(age 89, former teacher)

Schools have come a long way since the one room schools in the early 1920's. In 1923 there were three one room schools in Grant Township. The Ridge School was located east of Waterloo on C.R. 28 and the last teacher there was Emerson Walker. The Husselman School was located one mile south of Waterloo on 427, a little to the west on C.R. 34. The last teacher there was Mary Bonfiglio. The Stroh School was located one mile south and one mile east of Waterloo on C.R. 34. In 1923 I was hired to teach at this school and was there for three years. The first year there were 28 pupils, which was about the average for one room schools. That year there were 8 pupils in the 8th grade. They were June Rufner, Ruth Stalder, Margaret Crooks, Irene Hull, Rutheda Farrington, Vern Myers, Boyce Dunn and Harold Stalder. The next year there were only 2 in the 8th grade, Dale Davis and Marion Myers. The last year there was just one, Datha Hull. In those days all 8th grade pupils were required to take an examination at the end of the year. If they passed they would be eligible to go to high school. Questions were sent out by the State and the examinations were held in April in one of the schools, usually at the Husselman School. At this time teachers were hired by the trustee. The trustee was Bert Bachtel who also operated a coal business in Waterloo.

In 1926 all one room schools were closed, the children bussed into Waterloo where a new school was built.

In later years, the Stroh School was torn down, but the Ridge and Husselman Schools were converted into homes and are still in use.

Schools today are much better, but in the earlier days, children were taught the basics and knew how to read and spell. There was also a closer relationship between pupils and teacher and so many good things came from the one room schools.

CHURCHES

WATERLOO CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

In 1968 an addition to the existing church building was constructed, providing the congregation with a fellowship area. In 1969 a Christian day care center and nursery school, known as the Kiddie Kollege, was begun in this annex as a service to the community.

The property at 275 Lockhart Street was purchased by the congregation in 1978 to be used for their parsonage. The present pastor is Rev. Robert James.

CALVARY CHAPEL

Calvary Chapel of Waterloo, currently located in the brick structure at the corner of Washington and Maple Streets, has its roots in the Church of Christ, which first organized in 1949 and met in what is now Dr. Coleman and Dr. Graber's offices. A wood-frame building was constructed at the present side in 1951 and expanded and bricked in 1966, adding new classrooms and a Fellowship Hall.

To ease overcrowding problems at the Waterloo School during the 1950's and early 1960's, the school rented a classroom from the church for daily use by students. The Waterloo Church of Christ began a serious reevaluation of its beliefs and practices in the 1970's. As a result, the church joined Calvary Ministries, International, a rapidly growing fellowship of 63 independent churches and 180 ministers, in the summer of 1980.

At the same time, the name of the church was changed to Calvary Chapel of Waterloo; Rev. Ralph Diehl became the pastor, and the church began growing in its ministry to the entire family.

An emphasis upon active participation in the church has given birth to a Sunday School, choir, nursing home ministry, Bible Mountaineers' Club, prayer connection, bus ministry, camp counselors, nursery, and men's and women's fellowships. Through films, concerts, and a bus ministry, the church works to reach the un-churched community with the gospel message.

Fundamental in its beliefs, charismatic in its style of worship, and evangelistic in its preaching, the church has grown to a present average attendance of over 100. Having a heart for missions, in 1985 over $5,000 was sent to support world missions such as famine relief in Ethiopia, erection of a Bible College chapel in India, printing Bibles in newly-translated African languages, and radio broadcast of the gospel behind the Iron Curtain.

A home adjacent to the church facility, which was a former parsonage, was purchased and demolished in 1985 to provide additional parking space for the church.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Written by Mary Bowman)

An account of the former United Brethren Church, which was the first church built in the town of Waterloo, and for a number of years after, all denominations of the town were allowed the use of the building for worship.

Allow me here to relate an incident of how nearly the U.B. Church came to losing its present location. At that time George W. Trout, a merchant, was anxious to have a church building in the town, and proposed to donate the ground and $300 to any denomination who would build the first church. Rev. F. Osmun, hearing this, went to Mr. Trout and proposed to accept the offer, and had Mr. Trout put the same in writing. On his was home he met the Methodist minister who told him he had heard of the offer, and was on his way to see Mr. Trout about accepting his offer for their church. Rev. Osmun said "You are too late, I have just taken the proposition."

Prior to the years 1856-57, the U.B. Church was supplied by traveling Evangelists, who rode long distances through the country preaching at such places as were open to them.

A deed to the lot on which the U.B. Church now stands was made by George W. Trout and wife in November 1862 to Geo. W. Trout, David Goodwin and John Beidler as the first board of trustees. The church was then pushed to an early completing. Such pioneers as David Seery, David Swarts, S.P. Stroh and others under boss carpenter David Goodwin completed the building of the first church. Rev. Tarring Osmun was the first pastor.

In 1879 the church was rebuilt and veneered with brick and so stood in the year 1907 as shown in a picture of that date. The old church was torn down in 1912 to make way for the new yellow brick church which was dedicated April 6, 1913 at a cost of $13,500.

The Evangelical Church of Waterloo united with the U.B. Church in the early 1960's, tearing down their home church building. This union became the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The pastor of the U.B. Church, Rev. Detroy, walked the two blocks to the church on Sunday morning and accompanied the congregation to the U.B. services. In 1968 this church and the Methodist Church of Waterloo merged into United Methodist and the former Methodist Church building was sold to the Mormans.

At present, the United Methodist Church is planning to build an enclosed ramp on the west and south sides of the church. Bids are being accepted as this is being written.

Tracing its history back through each of the church buildings, congregations, and denomination mergers, the spiritual presence of the Waterloo United Methodist Church goes back almost to the founding of the town of Waterloo itself. All of these congregations have been part of the Wesleyan Armenian evangelical tradition which is now in its third century worldwide of spreading personal and social Scriptural holiness throughout the land.

The church truly serves DeKalb County since it draws its regular communicants from Kendallville, Corunna, Ashley, Angola, Butler and Garrett, as well as Auburn and Waterloo with an average worship attendance of nearly two hundred persons. The church building, too, serves as a center for many community activities.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Prepared by Bessie Dunn)

Prior to 1880 a colony of German Catholics settled near Summit in DeKalb County. In 1880 fourteen Catholic families received permission from Bishop Dwenger to form their own parish and were provided with a priest in the person of Father Young who visited from Garrett.

John Shoudel donated two acres of ground near the center of the settlement and the parishioners began the work of building a new church. An acre of ground for a cemetery was obtained and John Shoudel was buried there.

The church was completed in 1881. In January of 1882 St. Michael's was put in charge of Father Peter Franzen who attended from St. Francis Xavier's Church in Waterloo.

In 1884, after the death of Father Franzen, Father Benzinger was placed in charge as the first resident priest and lived on a salary of $300.00 a year. He stayed with the parishioners until the first rectory was completed in 1885 at a cost of $1400.00, with much of the labor donated by members of the church.

By 1895 the congregation had grown and the church was doubled in size.

St. Francis Xavier parish in Waterloo was dissolved and the church building was moved to St. Michael's and was used as a parish hall. The hall was destroyed by fire in 1900.

By 1920 the parish had outgrown the first church. The old church was moved across the road and made ready to hold services until the new one was completed.

In 1936 the old rectory was destroyed by fire. The new rectory was started in 1936. In 1953 a new organ was purchased and frosted windows were replaced by stained glass, and the church was redecorated. In the last 25 years some improvements have been done in the church. A new electronic organ replaced the old organ.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

WATERLOO-GRANT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

(research by Bessie Dunn)

Highlights of the library's more recent accomplishments and administration:

- Clarence Bowers served 30 years on the board of trustees.
- Mrs. Ruth Medsker was librarian briefly, followed by Alice Phillips. She was succeeded by Mildred Grogg
- Bessie Dunn and LuEda Pontius became acting librarians in 1958.
- A kindergarten was started in the basement in 1959, Mrs. Olive Nice, teacher.
- In the 60's a gas heating system was installed, the floor's tiles and storm windows put in. New stacks and a main desk were constructed by LaOtto Severence. Thanks to board member Bill Starkey who could see the necessity of this appliance, an air conditioner was purchased and installed.
- In the early 80's copiers for public use were purchased as well as a computer.
- In 1985 the children's library was created in the basement. It was redecorated, all new furniture purchased, carpeted, new lighting and a new furnace installed.
- Preschool programs were started in 1985. Mothers bring 3 and 5 year olds for programs which Mrs. Allen plans with films, stories and crafts. Children even make puppets and put on puppet shows.
- Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Allen go to Kiddie Kollege each week with programs. Classroom teachers bring their students each week for books, stories or films.

Bessie Dunn is a certified Class V librarian and has been a dedicated and efficient administrator since 1958. Mrs. Pontius has also been in the library the same length of time, a capable and willing worker.

Response to the improvements and upgrading of the total program under Bessie's guidance has been most enthusiastic as shown through dramatic, increased use and circulation. The library has about 23,000 volumes, 62 magazine subscriptions, plus recordings, tapes, cassettes, microfilms and newspapers.

WATERLOO-GRANT TWP. CARNEGIE LIBRARY—1986.

THE DEPOT

Waterloo's depot was 99 years old when the townpeople learned Conrail was making plans to have it razed. They and civic groups reacted to rescue the historic building and use it for a civic center.

At a cost of $500, donated by Boman and Albright, the depot was purchased and at an additional cost of $9000, donated by concerned citizens, moved to the present sight across from the Town Hall where it is to be used as a community center.

The Waterloo Civic organization, spearheaded by Ed Sheehy, formed a "Save the Depot" campaign asking for donations of $2 or more. In return they were given a button picturing the depot and inscribed with "I Saved The Depot."

Ultimately a Waterloo Depot Foundation was formed. This was necessary to apply for grants and solicit donations.

Some of the original furnishings of the depot were intact. Since many former employees of the railroad or their families still live in Waterloo, it is hoped that a collection of tools, lanterns or anything they originally used on the railroad can be brought together for public viewing.

The Foundation was recently notified of being included in the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's 2nd Edition of the Indiana Preservation Directory.

NEW LOCATION FOR WATERLOO RAILROAD DEPOT – W. VanVleek

RAILROAD (written by Joseph James Millspaugh)

A lot of changes have taken place since the Waterloo Centennial of 1956. The town of Waterloo was a great hub of rail traffic with the N.Y.C. R.R. having both the main line from Chicago to New York and

the Fort Wayne, Jackson and Saginaw line stopping and crossing in Waterloo. The crossing of the two lines created many jobs for the men and women of Waterloo in the early days. These people were employed in everything from station agents to section men.

WATERLOO DEPOT BUILT IN 1884.

From 1956 to present the changes that took place on the railroad were not very favorable for the working people from Waterloo. Throughout the late 50's and early 60's the N.Y.C. R.R. began the process of converting to the diesel locomotive thus cutting many of the jobs connected with steam locomotive. The section gang that worked from Waterloo on both the main and branch lines was being cut drasticaly thus doing away with many more jobs.

The tower which controlled the trains crossing each other from the branch over the main was the scene of much activity. When the traffic on the branch line began to slow down the towermen were no longer needed. My Grandfather Crowl was a signal maintainer and spent every Saturday and Sunday evening in the tower insuring the 20th Century Limited, the passenger train, would make it over the diamonds, the railroad term when one line crosses over another.

In April of 1968, the New York Central declared bankruptcy and merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad to form the short-lived Penn-Central Company. During this time passenger service was discontinued and many of the remaining employees permanently laid off. With passenger service gone the Waterloo depot was used as the office for the track and signal men. With freight service quickly falling from both the branch and main line the hope of Waterloo remaining as a railroad hub was soon gone. In time the diamonds were removed and the branch line service was no longer profitable enough to keep the line running, so service was cut. All the buildings like the tower and such were destroyed.

In the early 70's the Penn-Central went bankrupt and was purchased by the government and the present day Conrail was formed. Amtrack which is now the only passenger service going through Waterloo no

longer makes stops. The depot was to be destroyed but thanks to the history-minded town of Waterloo the depot was saved and moved to its present day resting place close to the firehouse to be used as a civic community center.

My Grandfather Edward C. Crowl, began his career in railroading working out of Waterloo on 3-22-17. My uncle George Crowl who began working on the railroad when it was still the New York Central and is still employed as a signal maintainer for Conrail, is possible one of the last, if not the last, remaining worker on the railroad who still lives in Waterloo.

SWITCH TOWER hit by derailed train, later torn down. At far left is old brick hotel (circa 1950).

Since 1956 - Conrail

CONRAIL

Through the heart of Waterloo passes one of the most heavily used rail freight routes in the country, handling as many as 45 scheduled freight trains per day. Many are "piggybacks" which haul truck trailers loaded with products and mail. In addition it hauls many unscheduled "unit" trains and two daily trips of Amtrack's "Lake Shores" passenger trains.

In 1968, New York Central merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad to form the ill-fated Penn Central. By 1970 it had gone bankrupt. In 1976 five other bankrupt railroads combined with Penn Central under the auspices of the federal government into Consolidated Rail Corporation, better known as Conrail.
The federal government has decided it should not be in the railroad business in competition with privately owned railroads and trucking companies. For that reason Conrail is now in the process of being sold. Perhaps by the end of 1986 we will know the next major step in the history of this main-line rail route through our town.

FAMILIES/BIOGRAPHIES

STULLER, BERNARD AND NANCY (DREW)

(written by Nancy Stuller)

My ancestors were of English, German, Dutch, Irish and Scottish decent. My parents, Vinton Orestas and Blanche Fay (Stultz) Drew, moved to Waterloo, Indiana, May 1921 from Continental, Ohio.

My great uncle, Benjamin Quaintance and his wife Electa Wing Quaintance had moved here several years before, having followed Electas parents, Austin and Electa (Wing), and her brother Delford (Fritz) and Mary Ellen Wing, who had settled east of Waterloo on a farm. Uncle Ben wrote my parents, saying he was sure my father could find employment at the saw mill on Marion St., owned by Charles Bookmiller. My father came by horse and buggy, secured his job and found Charles Bookmiller to be a very kind and considerate employer. My father rented a house on Marion St. from Clyde Plum, he hired a Mr. Kennedy, who owned a truck, to come to Continental and haul our belongings to Waterloo. My father and our horse, Old Babe returned to Continental. Mr. Kennedy came a few days later, the men loaded our furniture on the truck bed, leaving the mattresses on top, where my brother Simeon, five years old and I, seven years old were to ride, with comforters to keep us warm, as we traveled all night over the rutty rough roads. My mother and baby sister Catherine rode in the cab with Mr. Kennedy. My brother Simeon soon fell asleep, but I had a very bad night, as the rough riding caused the mattress to bounce like a trampoline and I held on to my brother all night. It was moonlight, and the branches of the trees were so close I could have touched them. It was daylight when we arrived in Waterloo. Marion St. was a cinder street and we soon learned how painful it was to fall on them. My father with Old Babe pulled the buggy arrived later.

Our house was small, but we managed and were happy here with good neighbors, whose children became our friends and playmates. One family of neighbors across the railroad was the Wings who were also originally from Ohio. Grandma Wing (Electa) and Fritz and Ella and their family lived in a large home. Fritz and Ella were parents of Wayland, Cleo Knott, Ruth Grimm, Walter, Paul, Vivian Morgan, Mildred Arnold, Pauline Kuhn, Beaulah Hire, William, Rodney, and Anna Lee Eberly. Although the Wings had a large family of their own, they were always kind and generous neighbors and were good to all the neighborhood children.

When I started to school in 1921 the first and second grades were taught on the second floor of the Town Hall then on to school in the large building, torn down long ago because it was condemned. So many children had gone up and down the wooden steps they were hollowed out in the center. I had many good, dedicated teachers, Erda Robinson, Olive Gurtner, Mark Shull, Mr. Mustard, our principal and for two years Bertha Ettinger. She was a very good teacher who disciplined with fairness.

Mildred Wing was my best friend, and we spent hours playing and gathering buttercups in the meadow by Cedar Creek, where all the children in the neighborhood learned to swim and fish. Our favorite swimming hole was just north of the railroad bridge. The water became polluted in the 30's. Old Joe Cooper lived alone in a shack near the creek, and we were always hoping to get a glimpse of him. He had dark hair and usually walked with a long stick to aid him. He never bothered anyone and preferred his own way of live. When he heard the first cry of the Pee Wee bird in the spring he went to the barber shop and had a haircut and a shave.

My brothers William Russell Drew and Kenneth Ivan Drew and sister Mavis Ritchie were all born after we came to Waterloo.

Bernard Dale Stuller and Nancy Drew were married February 21, 1931 near Hamilton. Bernard is the son of William Henry Stuller and Bertha Leona (Lowe) Stuller. Bernard's great grandfather, John Lowe, who was born in Oldham, Engling, and came to the United States in 1850, settled in DeKalb County in 1859. He served the North during the Civil War.

Bernard and Nancy (Drew) Stuller are parents of Julia Joan Bolen, William Vinton Stuller, Rebecca Lee Lanning, Rosemary Rathburn and Bernard Steven Stuller.

LEAS FAMILY

(contributed by Reuah Leas Bixler Davis)

As the fourth generation great-granddaughter of John Leas IV who came to Waterloo from Steuben County in 1868, Reuah Leas Bixler Davis is undoubtedly the oldest living Waterloo descendant of the Leas family. They were destined to become one of Waterloo's most prominent and prosperous families.

John Leas IV was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1816, moving with his parents to Ohio and eventually to Indiana. He purchased the farm just north of Waterloo at the end of what is now Ruman Street. Reuah was born in that farm home. He became a leading business man of the town, buying, selling and shipping livestock. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank of Waterloo and later became sole owner.

John Leas IV sired four sons; all became Waterloo businessmen, William, a lawyer, Obediah, a hay buyer, Hezakiah, a banker and Daniel and department store owner.

Obediah Leas was the grandfather of Reuah and Frank O. Leas, married to Clara A. Stomm, was her father. Reuah carried on the tradition of running a business; for fourteen years she and her first husband owned and operated the Green Parrott Restaurant.

The Leas Family Reunion, attended by great numbers of descendants, was a yearly event in Waterloo for many years. The 1905 Reunion was especially noteworthy as recalled many years later by Cliff Milnor in his Fort Wayne Journal Gazette column in the 50's. Estella Leas, daughter of Hezakiah, then 24 years old read a paper she had prepared, "What May Happen at a Leas Reunion 100 Years Hense". It was not 100 per cent accurate, but she lived to see many of her predictions fulfilled.

Here are some of her prophecies. "The Leas family will come to Waterloo in airships . . . underground streets will be lighted and ventilated . . . moving stairways will lead to overhead streets . . . Leases will be taller and live longer because of vast reforms in medicine, sanitation, food and athletics . . . hot and cold air will be turned on from spigots to regulate the temperature of homes . . . a band in New York will give a long distance concert; by turning an electric key on a control the music will be heard through an instrument in Leas Park . . . a drama in progress in London will focus into a camera connected electrically with screens at the opposite end of the circuit."

In 1905 people still had doubts about those crazy Wright brothers when Miss Leas was able to envision a time when we would have radio, television, air conditioning and a longer life span. And the Leas Family contributed greatly to

the Waterloo she saw in her "crystal ball."

CROWL, JAMES and JUDITH

(written by Judy Crowl)

George and Hattie (Crooks) Crowl lived in the DeKalb County area for several years before moving to Waterloo. Their first residence was on S. Pine Street.

Around 1915 George and Hattie purchased the Whitingcomb place on W. Maple Street, now the Brickers.

They had four boys, one of which died in childhood. The third oldest boy, Edward, married Bertha Clark. They bought a house on Railroad Street, where Bertha still resides. Ed worked for the NYC Railroad working his way up to lead signalman. They raised a family of four, Clyton being the oldest. After being neighbors for a few years, Clayton married Juanita Krontz. After the service, Clayton has worked at the Auburn Foundry, International Harvester, and now works at Foley Pattern in Auburn. Juanita went to work at Citizens State Bank, where she is presently Executive Vice President. Clayton and Juanita have one sone, Jim. After meeting in college, Jim married Judith Paul of Elkhart. They have two sons; Keith, age 6; and Kevin, age 2-1/2. Jim works as a tool and die maker at Charleston Metal Products. He also has his degree in Elementary Education. Judy is a full time homemaker and mother. Jim, Judy, and the boys enjoy camping and the outdoors. They attend the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Jim is active in the Boy Scout Program.

BAINBRIDGE, ORA and BESSIE

(written by Rhoada Rudolph Bainbridge)

Ora Bainbridge came to Indiana in 1902. Bessie Smith Bainbridge's family came shortly after that. Ora's family settled east of Waterloo. Bessie's family settled north of Waterloo. Bessie and Ora married and bought the Denis Porman farm east of Waterloo. They were very hard working farmers. They had two children, Donna Richmond of Auburn and Bob still living on the home place east of Waterloo. They boarded several school teachers; as people did in those days. The school teachers received $300.00 a year. They also had young men from an orphange come to the farm for work and a home. Bess worked very hard raising chickens, geese and ducks. Ora raised potatoes and had a route to sell them. They had lots of stories to tell about how they moved to Indiana and how they made a living farming.

Bob and I were married November 22, 1956. We bless them with four grandchildren, Steven, Sara, Susan and Sandra. They liked living close to their grandparents. Steven married Nancy McKean, they have two children. Sara married Eric Hons and has two children. Susan plans to marry this August and Sandra works at Cooper Tire in Auburn.

Bob is still farming. Those who knew Bessie and Ora Bainbridge have many fond memories of them.

SATTISON, JIMMIE LEE AND MAVIS DEE (ROBERTS)

Jimmie Lee Sattison, a Waterloo businessman, is a life long resident of DeKalb county. He was born April 6, 1932 in Wilmington Township, the son of Clayton Adam and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison. In December of that year the family returned to their home at 575 South Oak Street, Waterloo. He attended all his school years at Waterloo, graduating in 1950. In his younger years his first job was working for the town of Waterloo, trimming grass at the cemetery. He worked on a farm picking tomatoes and had two newspaper routes, delivering both the morning and afternoon papers. Jim worked some summers at bridge

construction sites when the family traveled with his father. During his high school years he worked for his father at the Waterloo Super Service, a truck stop on Highway 6.

He was working for his father at the time of his marriage on February 3, 1952 in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, to Mavis Dee Roberts, who was born July 24, 1934 in Waterloo, the daughter of Doris Marietta (Houlton) Roberts and the late Clark Adair Roberts. Jim served in the United States Army during the Korean War as a power generator operator, serving some time overseas in Japan. When he returned to DeKalb county he operated a Sinclair Gas Station on the north side of Auburn, then worked as a mechanic at the Ford Garage and then was a repairman at Goodwin Appliance in Auburn.

In 1956 Jim and his brother, Clayton, started in business in Waterloo. They located at 448 South Center Street and have remained there ever since. The business, Sattison Refrigeration, Inc., specializes in sales, installation and maintenance of refrigerated equipment for the food store industry. For about 15 years (1959-1974) Jim and his brother, Clayton, built race cars (super modified) and participated in races in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Jim helped organize an independent owners and drivers association, Tri-State Auto Club (TRISAC) and served as its' president for three years.

Jim and Mavis are the parents of three children: Martin Blaine, Mark Allan and Kay Lee. The Sattisons' reside at 2903 CR 41 where they have lived for 19 yrs.

VOSS, WAYNE AND MARCELLE

(written by Karen Feller)

Wayne (dec.) was born December 1, 1907 to Carl and Winnie Voss at home. He was a rabbit grower and breeder and delivered papers as a boy. He was an outstanding basketball player in high school and also played on the independent team in the town hall. He was a barber, owning a shop on Marion Street when he married Marcelle Smith, daughter of Carl and Viola Smith of Butler, November 25, 1937. Marcelle taught in Waterloo High School most of her teaching career (music and Latin), which lasted 39 years. Their entire married life, except for a few years in Florida, was spent in Waterloo. Two daughters were born of that union: Karen (Feller) and Jo Ann (David). They have 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Wayne held the Grant township trustee position twice, always being a Democrat. The family home was a farm just south of the Waterloo cemetery, having moved there in 1945.

ALBRIGHT, HOWARD (DOC) AND JESSIE

(written by Jessie (Lower) Albright)

Howard (Doc) Albright (dec.) was born on a farm east of Waterloo. We were married in 1923 and have lived all our lives in Waterloo, except three years at Golden Lake. Our homes have been in north Waterloo (Uniontown) and on West Union Street. We both worked at the Auburn Rubber Company until it left Auburn. Then he worked in the State Highway until he retired.

We have two sons, Jack who married Lois Farrington; they run Albright's Market in Corunna, and B.L. who married Vereda Boman. Both are retired from Boman and Albright.

BOMAN, CLIDE AND RUTH

(written by Vereda Albright)

Clide William Boman and Ruth Harriet (Frager) Boman were married on January

31, 1927. They moved to Waterloo from Edgerton, Ohio in 1945 with their three children, Vereda, Nancy and Jerry. Their home and office was established at 373 North Wayne Street. Although we had no relatives in Waterloo, we immediately became a part of Waterloo and appreciated the friendliness and community spirit of Waterloo. Clide and Ruth had purchased the Sinclair Oil Co. Agency from Paul Whetsel. In 1951 Bobby L. Albright became a partner in the business with Clide. Jerry Boman also joined the business and in 1964 Boman & Albright was incorporated. They were job marketers for petroleum products and accessories for stations as well as retail business. Clide Boman retired in 1968.

Jerry and Bob continued the operation moving the office to the east edge of Waterloo on U.S. 6. Eventually they were owners of Boman & Albright, Inc., DeKalb Oil, Inc., L & L Leasing and Millers L.P. Gas. They operated as brokers and transporters of petroleum products as well as continuing their retail business.

Clide and Ruth Boman have always been and still are active in the community. They belong to the First United Methodist Church, Waterloo Lions Club, Knights of Pythian, Pythian Sisters, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Stars. Ruth is an active member of the DeKalb Hospital Sewing Guild. She has completed 3500 hours of volunteer sewing for the hospital.

Vereda Boman graduated from International Business College. She married B.L. Albright. They have five children: Joni (married to Edward Lutz), Ellen (married to Douglas Sowle), Brian, Lee and Adam. Nancy Boman attended Indiana University and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and her R.N. degree. She married George R. DeLong. They have two children: Darlene (married to Donald Brady), and Daniel. Jerry Boman and his wife Marcella live at Kendallville. Jerry has four children: Timothy (married to Becky Badman), Tas, Tina, and Troy. The majority of the Boman family still reside in this area. Clide and Ruth feel fortunate to bee blessed with five great-grandchildren.

SMITH, DON AND SUE

(written by Sue Smith)

Don A. Smith was born July 2, 1932 to William Henry Smith and Pearl (Elson) Smith. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1950. He has one sister Doris (Smith) Metcalf of Auburn, Indiana. On October 18, 1958, Don and Suzanne James were married by the Reverend Norman Detroy at the Waterloo Evangelical United Brethren Church. Don and Sue live on county road 16 in Fairfield township. They are the parents of two daughters: Pamela of Auburn, Indiana and Cynthia of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Don served four years in the Navy and is retired from the International Harvester Company. He is Treasurer of the Fairfield Cemetery Association. Sue is the secretary at the Fairfield School in Fairfield township. The Smiths are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Don has been a member of the church choir for 35 years.

IMHOFF, CLEO

In 1920 Cleo Cramer was married to Lynn Imhoff and came to life in Waterloo. She has lived here in her present home on Colgrove Street for 54 years.

Lynn worked at Northern Indiana Public Service Company for 35 years. His father was a railroader. When Lynn was 6 weeks old his father was killed when he fell beneath a moving train.

Waterloo was a happy place to raise kids. Cleo and Lynn had four: Buford,

Doris, Jessie and Lamar. They played at the creek, catching polywogs in the summer and sledding in winter. The boys played in the old brewery (still standing), and girls gathered violets and pussywillows.

Money was scarce, but a dime would get you in the movies. To raise money the kids would dig fishworms and catch crickets to sell to fishermen headed for Hamilton Lake. Worms brought 10¢ a hundred, crickets 75¢.

The Hall-Stingle Canning Factory was a major part-time employer. Like most women, Cleo did not work away from home until her children were grown. In 1966, Cleo went to work at Wakefields, where she is still employed, making her the oldest employed resident in Waterloo.

BOWMAN, ROBERT AND JEAN (BRAND)

(written by Jean Bowman)

Wayne Bowman, son of Clare and Dora (Lutz), married Opal Knott of Auburn in 1933; he farmed and Opal taught school for many years, first in one room schools and later in Ashley and Waterloo. In the beginning years of DeKalb High School, Wayne taught the auto mechanics class.

Wayne and Opal had two children. Robert, (the subject of this writing) and Barbara (Bowman) Klies who lives in Ohio. Robert (Bob married Jean Brand, the daughter of John and Aileen (Buss) Brand of Fairfield township. They purchased several tracts of land in Grant and Smithfield township in DeKalb County and settled with their family of three children, Kevin, Steve and Debbie on the Clare Bowman farm where they remodeled the farm house. They also had a daughter Kimberly, who expired in 1962 at the age of eighteen months and is buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

Kevin received his associate degree in Farm Management from Purdue and returned to the farm. He married Rachel Voelkel of Auburn. Kevin continues to farm in partnership with his father as well as owning acreage in Union township and in the State of North Carolina. Steve remains at home and Debbie is attending Anderson College studying to become an elementary teacher.

Jean has been a 4-H leader for 10 years, and at this writing has taught 24 years, 18 of them in the DeKalb Central United School District.

FAIR, ALLEN AND JOANN

The Fairs were married in 1959 in Angola, Indiana. Married 27 years they have four children, Jim in Bluffton, Jeff a senior at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, Cindy Miller living in Phoenix, Arizona, and Joe a 6'5" sophomore in DeKalb High School.

The Fairs have lived in Waterloo, currently on West Union Street, only six years. However they say "we have made a lot of good friends in the community and are active at Calvary Chapel in Waterloo."

CLARK, A. SOMMERS AND ANN (SIKES) CLARK

(written by Sommers)

Even before we moved to Waterloo in 1972 the town played a rather constant role in our lives. It was not so planned, but simply has worked out in this way. Our first sight of Waterloo was early fall of 1936 when we attended an Epworth League convention at what was then the Methodist Church.

For a time we served a pastorate at Hamilton in the 50's and 60's and I became director of the Hoosier Study Seminar and would take from 20 to 80 people to New

York City for a week of travel, study at the United Nations, as well as attend concerts and dramas. For many years we traveled via train, often chartering coaches out of Waterloo.

Many years later I accepted a pastorate in Fremont and Anne came to Waterloo to teach in the elementary school. In 1972 we moved into Waterloo so Ann would have less driving. And I went with the Steuben Camp and Park Ministry, promoting outdoor church services in the many parks and camps of Steuben County.

We still do a bit of traveling but always end up in Waterloo. It keeps us busy keeping up with our family, Hazel Clark on staff of Indiana University, James and wife Dr. Geri Clark on faculty of Syracuse Universtiy, Syracuse, New York who have two daughters, Marcia A. Franz a psychotherapist in Plymouth, (greater Detroit) Michigan, husband Russel is an electronics engineer, and Louis an attorney with the Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C. He and Penny have two small daughters. Penny is with National Security Studies.

We have also had the opportunity to serve in the religious life of Waterloo, and it was in the United Methodist Church we celebrated our Golden Wedding in June 1984, with a reception to which friends came from far and near.

ORDWAY, JERRY AND JANET

Jerry was born November 21, 1937, son of Wayne and Zella (Bishop) Ordway. Janet was born June 29, 1938, daughter of Gordon and Violet Pauline (Steward) Roose. Both Jerry and Janet graduated from Waterloo High School. They were married June 16, 1956. They have two daughters, Janine was born March 22, 1957, and Jacqueline was born February 1, 1958. Jerry was killed in a trucking accident October 23, 1976, in Effingham, Illinois while working for Essex International.

Janine married Michael Riley in 1984 and they have a son, Michael, Jr. born April 11, 1985.

Jackie married Rodney Evans in 1984.

Janet has served as Clerk Treasurer for Waterloo since being elected in 1984.

SHEEHY, J. EDWARD AND FLORABELLE

(written by Florabelle)

Florabelle (Dixon) Kuehn Sheehy was born in Franklin Twp., DeKalb County. My parents Cyrus Dixon and Sarah Isabelle (Jackman) Dixon owned a farm just north of Bonny Dell School northeast of Waterloo. We were a family of 8 children. I was the 7th child. My father died in October of 1933 and mother died April of 1940.

The first eight years of school I attended Bonny Dell. My high school years were in Waterloo. I graduated in 1922. Later I attended Tri-State where I met my husband, who was from Miami, Texas. We were married in Angola, June 15, 1929. Our daughter Sonia was born August 18, 1932.

I taught 38 years in DeKalb County, the first 15 years in a one room school. My husband Charles H. Kuehn died of a heart attack in March 1961. He worked at Warner Gear as an electrician.

In August 1965 I married J. Edward Sheehy of Butler. Mr. Sheehy was a personnel and purchasing agent for Hendrickson Tandem.

I retired from teaching in 1970; I was teaching second grade in Waterloo at the time. Mr. Sheehy and I spent nine winters in Florida. We enjoy our home at 475 S. Wayne Street in Waterloo. Mr. Sheehy has been very active in civic affairs in Waterloo.

KELLEY, LOIS

(as told by Lois)

In the Spring of 1913 Joe and Emma Dangler and their children Deloss and Lois left their farm home in Putnam County Ohio, and came to a farm in Franklin Township northeast of Waterloo. They moved entirely by train bringing livestock and all their belongings. Emma was expecting a second child but being of true pioneer stock she proceeded with plans to move. In the stress, she went into labor and son Deloss was born. She brought him to Indiana when he was three weeks old.

Other members of the Ohio family came to Franklin Township, among them Joe's parents Jess and Chloe and their four teenagers all of whom married and remained in DeKalb County. Other children were born to Joe and Emma -- Edith (Hoot), Augustine (Good), Joe, Jr., Emma Jean (White), Don, David, and Charles.

Lois married Hershal Clark Kelley in 1933. They had two daughters, Marge (Tribbett) and Gloria (Billman). Penny came to live with them when she was four years old and was adopted by Lois after Clark's death in 1960. Clark, known to all as Kirby, worked as a mechanic in Tatham's Ford Garage and drove a school bus for many years.

Lois lost her sight in 1946 and, after Kirby's death, at age 50, a widow, sightless and a small child to raise, she decided to become a beautician. And she succeeded. Helped financially by the Waterloo Lions Club and the Indiana Foundation for the Blind, she graduated from beauty school only to be unable to find someone who would accept her as an apprentice so she could get a license to open her own shop. She had letters written to the governor and her senator and in a very short time she had hurdled the last obstacle when she was sent her license. She opened her shop, The Princess Beauty Salon, in her home at 565 Cedar Street and has been operating it for 24 years. Hers is truly an example of a fruitful life in the face of adversity.

HOBBS, JAMES AND PENNY (KELLEY)

(written by Penny)

Jim and I met on a blind date in 1970. After high school I went to beauty school, graduated in 1971, started working for my mother, Lois Kelley, in her shop and married Jim all in the same year. Our first son Kirby was born in 1974 and was named for his grandfather, Clark Kelley. We bought our home on South Wayne Street in 1977, Kelly, our daughter, was born in 1978 and I opened my own shop, The Porch Salon, in our home in 1980. Our son Andrew was also born that year.

I was four years old when Clark and Lois Kelley took me as their daughter. I was legally adopted when I was 8 years old, sorry to say after Clark Kelley died in 1960.

I remember Clark, known to me as Pop, but to everyone else as Kirby, as a loving, caring, indulging father, some of the same attributes I have been told he showed to all who knew him and he was known to all in Waterloo. The U.B. Church had standing room only for his funeral.

Loved by everyone in whatever he was doing, driving a school bus, fixing a car, swapping stories, or visiting, he was always ready to drop whatever he was doing to help wherever and whenever needed.

ISH, DR. ROGER AND JANE (STINGLE)

Just prior to World War I, Dr. Ethan A. Ish came to Waterloo from LaOtto. He and his wife Mary (Sidwell) were natives of Kansas and Iowa. After the war Dr. Ish took up the practice of Dr. Fretz and throughout his almost 30 years of practice worked out of the same office in which he died in 1947. That office was just east of Wayne on Van Vleek Street.

Mrs. Ish was very active in civic work and clubs, especially Minerva Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Ish had two children, Roger, a Waterloo dentist who now lives in Auburn and Naomi (Safford) living in California.

Roger Ish married Jane Stingle from Ashley in 1943. They lived in the family home on West Union Street from 1946 until their recent move to Auburn. They have three children, Robert living in Colorado, Barbara (Henderson) living with her family (three children and husband Gary) in Waterloo, and David who lives in Indianapolis.

PLATT, CLARK AND PAULINE (GEARY)

(written by Pauline)

Clark (dec.) was born to Byron and Fietta (Clark) Platt in Franklin Township. After graduating from Butler High School, he attended Tri-State University for one term and taught his first year at age 17 in Hooks' one-room school north of Butler. By attending college classes summers and at night, he received his degree from Ball State. He entered the postal service in 1936 and moved to Chicago the next year where he worked in the mail terminal. He married Pauline Geary, daughter of J. Walter and Marie Morris Geary of Benten County. Pauline had graduated from International Business College and worked for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Fort Wayne before marrying. In 1940 Clark was transferred to the railway postal service on the New York Central and that same year they moved to Waterloo. Pauline was an employee of Citizens State Bank during the 1960's. After Clark's retirement in 1969, he operated a tax and bookkeeping service until his death in 1977.

They are the parents of Robert, a teacher in the Portage, Indiana, school system and Jane Stringfellow, a reading specialist in the Arlington, Va., schools. Both are Waterloo and Ball State graduates.

WALTER, STEPHEN AND RUTH (RICHMOND)

The Walters moved to Waterloo in 1975. They lived northeast of Waterloo on Rope Street until they moved into town in 1977. They live now at 545 S. Center Street, having bought their home in 1980.

Steve was elected to the Waterloo Town Board and appointed president in 1983. He also helped organize the Waterloo Industrial Development Corp. (WIDCO) in 1984. Its purpose is to promote Waterloo and its industrial sites to prospective industries and to assist in the development of the Waterloo Industrial Park. Steve is currently employed by Aero Oil Co., division of Kendall Refining Company, as a sales representative. Ruth is a homemaker and they have two girls, Rachel, 8, and Melinda, 4.

FITCH, CECIL AND JO

written by Jo Fitch

We are Cecil and Josephine (Jo for short) Fitch who live east of Waterloo. When we were married 50 years ago we lived north and west of Garrett in Richland Township, DeKalb County. We lived there eleven years and then moved to a farm just west of Corunna. We lived there six years and then we bought our place where we have lived 33 years. It is a mile east of Waterloo at corner of CR 28 and CR 41.

We have two children, Glenda who spent her eight years of grade school in West Richland and Fairfield Center schools and Richard who started to school at Fairfield Center. In the fall of 1952 Glenda got in the school bus and started to Fairfield Center in the first Grade. Both children graduated from Waterloo. Glenda was in the Centennial graduation class in 1956. Richard graduated from high school in 1964.

Cecil and his family are natives of DeKalb County.

LEWIS FAMILY

(written by Iva Dell Lewis Dirrim)

Mames and Nancy Chapman and daughters Josephine, Emma, and Laura moved to DeKalb County in the late 1800's from Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Their first home was a farm on Rope Street (where Rinehold Tack Shop is now.) James gave each girl a farm, moved into Waterloo, and built the first house south of the library some time before 1920.

Josephine married an Underwood and moved to Denver, Colorado. Emma married Marshall Lewis from Mansfield, Ohio. They lived in Waterloo and had 3 children, Ivan Dell, Fred and 1 who died in infancy.

Ivan Dell married Milton Wiler; they had 5 children, Alfred, Esther (Kelley), Bert, Lucille (Rothgeb) and Glenn. She died in 1920 during chidbirth; Glenn was adopted by Rue Murray.

Fred married Lavina Oberlin from Butler. They lived in Waterloo and had 6 children. Roger, Iva Dell, Lennus, and Glenn lived to maturity. Roger married Jane Culbertson, has 1 son Daniel and 2 grandchildren Zachary and Joshua. The other three children live in Waterloo; Iva Dell married Wayne Dirrim, Lennus married Delores Chorpenning, has 2 sons, Michael and Keith, and a grandson, Benjamin; Glenn married Juanita Price (dec.) and has a son Richard, grandchild Joslyn and daughter Nancy Lewis.

Lavina Oberlin Lewis Knostman lives in Waterloo. She is matriarch of two five generation families: Lavina, Iva Dell Dirrim, June Kay Fender, Robin Clark and Mariah Clark; and Lavina, Iva Dell Dirrim, Susan Sweet, Candace Timmis and Tonya Timmis.

STARKEY, MAURICE D. (BILL) AND RONDA

(written by Ronda Starkey)

Bill Starkey (d. 1985) moved to Waterloo in 1931 with his parents, P.E. and Gladys (Orr) Starkey, and brother Karl from Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from Waterloo High School in the class of 1942 and served in the army during World War II. After discharge he returned to Waterloo where he worked successively in Greuter's Store, the Post Office, Citizens State Band and as a teacher to fifth grade students in East Auburn School in Auburn.

Ronda (Noffsinger) Starkey came to Waterloo in 1943 via Manchester College and Defiance, Ohio, where she was born, to become a teacher in Waterloo High School. She and Bill were married in 1947. They formerly lived on

South Franklin Street and in 1960 moved to 455 South Wayne Street which is still the family home.

The Starkey's had two children, Jo Ellen, Waterloo Class of 1966, and Donn, DeKalb High School Class of 1970. Both are graduates of Manchester College. Jo Ellen is married, living in Marshalltown, Iowa, and has two daughters. Donn, a chemist, lives south of Auburn, is married to Connie (Bassett) and has three sons.

In 1956 Ronda returned to teaching and continued in that field until retirement in 1985. Her entire teaching career was within schools that comprise DeKalb Central School District.

CROOKS, ROBERT N.

(written by Hilda (Crooks) Williams, his granddaughter)
Robert N. Crooks came to DeKalb County from Ohio in 1859 and settled on a farm on the banks of Cedar Creek a mile and a half southeast of Waterloo on what is now CR 39 just south of CR 28.

In 1898 Mr. Crooks left the farm and moved into Waterloo where he lived until his death.

In the fall of 1894 Mr. Crooks and John Lightner formed a furniture business on the northeast corner of Wayne and Marion Streets which they conducted until about a year later when Mr. Lightner sold his interest to Mr. Crooks and went to California for a short time. Mr. Crooks continued the business alone until 1900 when his grandson D.E. Newcomer became a member of the firm. Three years later the firm suffered a fire and their business was completely destroyed. As soon as a new building could be erected they moved back into the same location and re-established their business. In 1909 Mr. Crooks sold out his interests to his son-in-law Christian Newcomer and retired. (Christian Newcomer was the father of and D.E. Newcomer the brother of Dr. Wilber Newcomer who for many years was a local dentist in the 300 block of N. Wayne Street prior to Dr. Roger Ish in that location. He lived just north of the stop light on the west side of the street.)

Robert Crooks belonged to the Waterloo City Lodge No. 307 F. and A.M. for more than fifty years. For many years he was a prominent figure in the management of the Waterloo Fair. He died in 1917 at the age of 86 years at his home on South Washington Street.

HARTMAN, VERL

(written by Verl Hartman)
I was born on a farm in 1911 and moved to Waterloo with my parents in 1925, and have been in and around Waterloo ever since, except for 1-1/2 years. I have three children: Glenn, Waterloo, Betty Noragon, Auburn, and Wayne Hicksville, Ohio.

I have memories of playing baseball and other games with kids in the went end. I remember swimming in Cedar Creek. I went to the old school one year where the town park is now.

SCHLOSSER, EDWARD & VERONICA (MAY)

(written by Veronica Schlosser)
We started housekeeping in Waterloo, January 1937. Ed worked for the State Highway at that time. We raised four children: DeWayne, Charlotta, Bill and Mary Jo.

We bought our home at 595 South Oak in August 1941 from Mouland Oil Co.

formerly Socony Vacuum Oil Co. This company obtained the property on April 4th, 1929 and constructed a filling station on the corner of Center and Walnut Streets. This was reportedly the first filling station in Waterloo.

BOWERS, CLARENCE AND HELEN (DANNELLS)

(written by Clarence Bowers)

On March 24, 1853, a small company of Swiss people left the homeland for the New World, and on June 7, 1853 they arrived in Alliance, Ohio, being on the way seventy-five days. David and Johanna Yutzler and five children were among the number. Catherine Yutzler was nine years old. Catherine Yutzler and William Musser were married in Paris, Ohio, September 14, 1864. Later they moved to Indiana. One of the children was Hannah Elizabeth Musser.

Catherine Clark was born in York County, Pennsylvania. She came to DeKalb County in 1846 where she married Daniel Hamman. Bereft of her husband in her youth she married John Bowers. They had one child, Henry Peter Bowers. Henry Peter Bowers married Hannah Elizabeth Musser March 7, 1885. The children were Edward, Lula Mae, George Dudley, Goldie, Clarence Leroy and Winn Charles.

Clarence Leroy Bowers was born May 27, 1898 near Hamilton, Indiana, got his first education in one room schools, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1917. He volunteered for the army during World War I. After the War he took twelve weeks of teacher training at Tri-State College and taught in one room schools in Franklin township for five years and continued his education summers and night schools. He got his degrees from Ball State Teachers College and Indiana University. He taught in the Waterloo School, Richland Township then back to the Waterloo-Grant Township School as teacher, later as high school principal. He also was County Superintendent four years, then went to Green Center as principal. He retired in 1969.

He married Helen Dannells August 23, 1927. She was a teacher. They have three daughters: Patricia Brace, Elaine Kline and Janet Gurd.

DANGLER, DAVID

David L. Dangler was born in 1934 in DeKalb County on CR 47 in Grant Township. He has spent all of his years except while serving in the military 1952-55 within five miles of Waterloo. He is the son of Joe and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler. In 1956 he married Leora Rosenberry from Hamilton. They lived for a short time in Waterloo, later moving to the south edge of town. Then in December of 1961 they made their big move to east of town on Old Road Six two miles east of town on the corner of CR 28 and 43. They still live at this location which was formerly the Ridge school in Grant Township.

They have four children, Davey deceased, Danny married to Tammy Bush from Angola, living in Butler with a daughter Brandi, and Darrin and Dusti living at home.

David has worked at carpentry for the last 22 years with three different construction companies and he went into partnership in 1976 and started a new construction company named D.K. & L. INC. Leora has worked for ten years as the company's bookkeeper. Some years ago she worked as a beautician in Pat's Beauty Shop across from the Waterloo-Grant Twp. Library.

BAKER, DOW AND DAROLA

(written by Darola Baker)

Dow and Darola Baker moved to Waterloo in May 1964, with their three children, Sandra age 6, Sherry age 4, and Timothy 3.

Dow, an insurance agent, was transferred to this area from Indianapolis. He is now an independent agent and and owns his own agency in Waterloo. Mrs. Baker worked for several years as a substitute teacher in the DeKalb Central schools. In 1969 she helped to open the Waterloo Kiddie Kollege Day Care and Nursery School where she worked for 14 years as Director and Head Teacher. She still works there part time as a teacher. Mrs. Baker is also a licensed insurance agent and works part time with her husband in the insurance agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene, where he serves as a trustee. Mr. Baker is also a member of the Waterloo Lions Club and DeKalb County Gideons. He served as Town Board President in the late seventies and was in the Waterloo Police Reserves for 12 years. The Baker children are now all married. Sandra is married to David Cleverly; they live in Auburn have two sons, Joel and Tyler. Sherry is married to James Foster; they also live in Auburn with two sons, Zachary and Kyle. Tim is married to the former Jennifer Carr; they live at rural Garrett and have two daughters, Angela and Lindsay.

POORMAN, DENIS

(written by Opal (Poorman) Smith

It was before 1915 that my father and mother moved to Waterloo. His name was Denis Poorman. He was a blacksmith by profession and located his first shop on Van Vleek Street, east of Town Hall. He put many horse shoes on the feet of the horses around the area. He was elected Town Marshal on November 4, 1913 and served several terms. He took pride in his town and made every effort to better the community. Indian relics and old flint-lock pistols were his hobby. He had the largest collection of Indian stones in Northeastern Indiana. All 294 flintlock guns were in working order. He loved the challenge of making a missing gun part or tracking down other collectors who might have the part. He moved to his farm, having sold the collections and spent the rest of his days there.

SMITH, RICHARD J. & OPAL (POORMAN) SMITH

(written by Opal (Poorman) Smith)

The Richard J. Smith family has lived east of Waterloo on the family farm for nearly fifty years. We have five children: Sharon Smith Bullock, a teacher, Richard A. Smith, an artist and restorer of antique cars, Dennis, artist, sign-painter and accountant. Noel Smith has his own body shop, refinishes and restores all types of cars. Stanley Smith, factory worker and auctioneer. All our children live east of Waterloo.

COLEMAN, DR. FLOYD AND EVA

(written by Eva Coleman)

Our coming to Waterloo in January 1948 was partially due to one of the children getting the measles with a high fever. We had planned to settle in the small town of Lyons, IN (Green county), which was Eva's hometown. We did not want to travel with sick children, and as we delayed our moving, Floyd was browsing through medical journals and saw the ad placed by Waterloo business people for a doctor. Since he had just been discharged from the U.S. Army as Captain - surgical services at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creed Michigan, he decided to look over the Waterloo possiblities. He returned to Battle Creek singing the praises of the small community.

Dr. Coleman opened his office on Feburary 15, 1948 on E. Van Vleek. Eva worked as his receptionist for several months. The Colemans purchased 10 acres

from the late Gene Kelley and had a 30' x 34' garage home constructed with plans to build a home soon. However the farm fever, nostalgia of childhood and the desire for country living led to the purchase of 72 acres at Nodine Corners - just across from the present DeKalb Co-Farm Bureau Co-op grain and storage, east of town. In 1962 they moved to their present home at 425 S. Wayne St. next to the office (403 S. Wayne) which was purchased in 1951 from the Church of Christ.

The office has recently been remodeled to better accomodate two doctors and Dr. Ben Graber now shares this location. They hire 2 full-time staff and 3 part-time. Waterloo people have been very friendly and we felt at home in the early years here. It has been a delightful, caring community in which to raise our 8 children, 5 of which were born after moving here. David, Janet, and Diann graduated from the Waterloo High School and the others, Anita, Brenda, Loretta, Stanley and Rachel all graduated from DeKalb High School. Anita is the only one presently living near Waterloo, and is married to Ralph Diehl, pastor of Calvary Chapel, Waterloo.

MOUGHLER, RAYMOND AND ONALEE

(written by Onalee)

Raymond and Onalee Moughler moved from Butler to Waterloo on Labor Day, 1962. Raymond worked for the Waterloo Telephone Exchange. Onalee worked for the same company part-time. They have four children, Darlyn, Michelle, Kevin and Keith all living in Waterloo.

The home was the former Eugene Kelley property at 180 W. Union Street. Raymond is active in the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department, having served as Assistant Chief and now serving as Captain. He was active in the Boy Scouts and Waterloo Athletic Association when the boys were growing up. Onalee is active in the Firemens Auxiliary, teaches Sunday School class and sings in the church choir. They are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Darlyn graduated from DeKalb in 1970. She owns Darlyn's Beauty Salon and is married to Coy Charleswood; they have 3 children, Brook Michelle, Amanda Marie, and Bradley Ryan. They reside at 230 E. Marion. Coy is employed with DeKalb Molded Products at Butler. They attend the Waterloo United Methodist Church and are very sports minded.

Michelle graduated from DeKalb in 1972. She works for Suttons Super Market, where she is now head cashier. She is married to Ed McDowd, who is a junior engineer in computer aid to design with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company in Fort Wayne. They have a son, Joshua Roy whose twin Justin David died soon after birth, and a little girl Abbey Marie. They attend Reed Road Church of Christ and live at 565 S. Franklin.

Kevin graduated from DeKalb in 1973. He is Foreman at DeKalb Molded Plastics in Butler, is active in the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department serving as Fire Chief, in his second year. He married Janet McKown who works at DeKalb Molded Plastics and is active in the Firemens Auxiliary, of which she is president. They have one son Jacob Lewis.

Keith graduated from DeKalb High School in 1976. He is night foreman at Assmann Corp. of America in Garrett. He is active in the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Deparment, having served as treasurer and is now CPR and Training Instructor and lieutenant on the department. He is married to Elizabeth Rhodehamel, who works part-time for Hooks Drugs and cares for their son Jonathan Dane.

Raymond and Onalee are both employed with General Telephone Company. Raymond will have 35 years and Onalee 19 years in August of 1986. They enjoy their grandchildren and like to travel. Their family enjoys living in Waterloo.

RUDOLPH, LEROY AND ESTHER

(written by Rhoada Rudolph Bainbridge)

We the LeRoy and Esther Rudolph Family moved to Waterloo in March of 1945. There were six of us kids, Betty, Bill, Sport, Kenny, Nellie and Rhoada. We were welcomed with open arms. We moved to the Howard Farm, west of Waterloo, call (Tip Top Farm). The first person to call on us was Ina Bidler. She was a precious lady. She invited us to come and join the St. Paul Evan. Church. I remember a lot of very dear people who influenced my life from that church. I sat on the piano bench with Dorothy Dunn as she played. We all though Waterloo was a very special community, we still think it is.

The school teachers were kind, as we came in the last half of the school year. One school teacher can remember that I said, "I will tell my Dad on you". She thought I did something I should not have done; later she learned the truth. There were great teachers who we all respected. Mr. Overmeyer and Mr. Bowers ran a very good school. Teachers such as Miss Hamman, Miss Dirim, Mrs. (Kuehn) Sheehy, Mr. Gurtner, Mr. Shore, Mr. McIntosh, Mrs. Voss, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Long, Mrs. Reed, just to name a few. They really did seem to care. It was different for us because we came from a one room school. My, I thought it was such a big place.

Bobbie Bowman and I went swimming in the horse tank as girls. Myrnalie Ayers and I ice skated with just two skates. She would put one skate on and I would put the other on and skate arm and arm around the ice. Janet Farrell would play the piano for my accompaniment when I played my clarinet solos.

My father farmed with horses. He did not have modern equipment; everyone thought we were Amish. That didn't matter, we all worked hard together and had lots of fun growing up in a large family. I am sure a lot of people remember by dad's big Belgium and Perchons horses. We would go to the Gratz's Mill for feed and kids would ride the wagon. Dad would take our classes for bob sled rides in the winter, hay rides in the summer and fall. A lot of people from town would come out just to see the horses and have rides in the wagons.

Betty and Bill bought an old car. All six of us kids got in as my sister Betty began to learn to drive. Most of the time where you saw one of us, you saw all six of us. We would hurry and do chores and sometimes have to cut wood so we could go to a basketball game. Dad and Mom would say some things had to come first. I worked for Sutton's Market for four years 1954-58. Don was a very special person; he helped many people. Businesses have come and gone, we all have seen many changes in Waterloo. Mom and Dad have passed away and we miss them very much. Betty married Ward Sebert. Bill married Judy Stoy, Forrest (Sport) married Joan Miller, Kenny married Joanie Birkholtz, Nellie married Roscoe Wiggins, and I, Rhoada, married Robert Bainbridge. We blessed Mom and Dad with 13 grandchildren, and there are now 9 great-grandchildren.

HUBARTT FAMILY

Rev. P.A. Hubartt, a native of Warren, Indiana, married Ona Stuver of Huntington in a ceremony performed in 1901.

Rev. Hubartt was widely known in the Butler and Newville communities. He served several Evangelical U.B. churches in DeKalb County. After his retirement

in 1950 they moved to Waterloo and resided there five years, leaving to make their home at the E.U.B. Otterbein Home at Lebanon, Ohio. Mrs. Hubartt died in 1959 and Rev. Hubartt in 1961. They had three children, Glenn Hubartt, Sr., Waterloo, Lester Hubartt, Goshen, Pauline Funk, Fort Wayne.

Glenn Hubartt and Hazel Hollinger were married at her parents home near Butler on May 1, 1927. They moved to Waterloo in 1930. Glenn Hubartt was a machinist, service station operator, and twice was Grant Township Trustee. He was a member of the E.U.B. church, Waterloo Lions Club and Masonic Order. He died in 1967. They have two sons, Glenn Hubartt, Jr., Fort Wayne and William Hubartt, Waterloo. Both graduated from Waterloo High School. After serving five years in the U.S. Navy, Glenn Jr. attended Purdue University and is now an engineer with Masolite Concrete in Fort Wayne.

William Hubartt served two years with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He and Alice Ordway were married at the First E.U.B. church in Waterloo in 1955. William was employed for U.S. Postal service for 29 years and is now Postmaster of Waterloo. He is a member of the U.M. church and Waterloo Lions Club. They have three children, Sara, Susan and David, who graduated from DeKalb High School. Sara married Michael Gaff of Butler and now live with their three children in Auburn. Susan attends Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne and is employed at WIFF Radio. David is employed by R.P. Wakefield Company, Waterloo.

SPEER FAMILY HISTORY

(written by Mary (Speer) Bowman)

Isaac Speer was the son of Robert and Ruth (McBride) Speer and spent his early childhood on a farm 5 miles east of Auburn pioneered in 1850 by his parents who came from Pennsylvania. The family consisted of four boys and one girl. Isaac was thirteen years old in the year 1850. The ground was cleared of trees and planted by all members of the family.

In the year 1859 Isaac Speer applied for the Cedar Lake School and was accepted. Here he taught for two terms, at the same time attending the Seminary conducted by Prof. John Moore at Waterloo. In 1861 Isaac was married to Caroline Rempis; she died from "spotted fever" in 1864 and Isaac enlisted in the Civil War. At the close of the War he returned to Waterloo and later married Phoebe Coats. They had four children of which two lived, Flora Speer Lollar and Charles O. Speer. Mr. Speer's son-in-law Ezra Lollar was superintendent of the Waterloo school for a number of years.

Isaac Speer and Son conducted a grocery store in Waterloo from 1880 to 1900 on the northwest corner of Wayne and Marion street. Later this building was sold and moved west on Marion to become the first Ettinger Funeral Home. A fine new brick store was erected on this corner now occupied by the Feller Furniture store. An item of interest: one of the employees of Mr. Feller, Dorsey Speer, is a great-grandson of Robert Speer, being a direct descendant of one of the brothers of Isaac Speer. Isaac Speer died in 1921 at age eighty-four.

Charles O. Speer established an insurance agency in Waterloo in the early 1900's. He married Alice Walker and they had two children, George and Mary (Bowman). Father and son had a district agency, C.O. Speer and Son, representing several insurance companies. This agency served the Waterloo area many years offering all types of insurance.

BOWMAN FAMILY

(written by Mary (Mrs. Waldo) Bowman)

Stephen A. Bowman was born in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana one

half mile west of where the County Farm is now located, on November 1, 1865, and was the son of Joseph and Ida (Brand) Bowman. Joseph Bowman, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, was the grandson of Jacob Bowman, who came from Germany in 1772. Joseph's son Samuel, came to Stark County, Ohio in 1817, where he became the father of a large family of children, one of whom was Joseph, who came to DeKalb County in 1839, entering eighty acres of government land where Stephen was born in 1865. Stephen lived on the farmstead until he became an orphan at age fourteen and came to live with his half-sister, Mrs. George Denison, who resided on a farm a short distance southeast of Waterloo. This enabled him to complete his high school in Waterloo when this school was in its infancy. In 1884 he took employment with J.S. Slaybaugh and learned the handle-making business. The following year August 1, 1885, he started handle-making on his own, his cash capital amounting to $5.00. At first all handles were made by hand and Mr. Bowman's first year's output was about one hundred and fifty dozen. The growth of the business was phenomenal after machinery took the place of hand-work. Production increased to ten thousand dozen per year. His business was first conducted in an old sawmill but in 1886 he moved into a building northwest of the Lake Shore crossing on Grant Street. Many of his machines were invented by Mr. Bowman and his son and others improved upon them. One patented machine is now an item in an Indianapolis museum. It was an important industry of Waterloo at one time.

Mr. Bowman served as Clerk of Waterloo for eleven years and was also an active member of the Library Board.

In 1882 Stephen Bowman entered the Indiana National Guard as a private, and in 1900 he was appointed colonel by Governor Marshall. In September 1887 he was united in marriage with Cora Fisher, daughter of Solomon and Harriet (Rhodabaugh) Fisher, the former clothing merchant of Waterloo. Mrs. Bowman was born in Waterloo January 1865. To this union were born eight children, all of whom graduated from the Waterloo High School. Harry Fisher born 1889, an electrical engineer for Hunt Ferris Co., Harvard, Il. Paul A. born May 1891, who took up the business of handle-making; he married Beulah (Bookmiller) Bowman, having one son Charles Bowman. Fred Bowman, born November 1893, married to Bernice (Overmeyer) Bowman, a former salesman for Lee Hats, sales-room in the Palmer House, Chicago. Joseph Bowman, born March 1896, married Edith (Widdicomb) Bowman, two children, worked for Goodrich Tire, Akron, Ohio. Twin sons were born January 1900, Waldo married to Mary (Speer) Bowman, was a retired railway clerk, are the parents of three children, all graduates of Waterloo High School. They are Marvin Eugene of Los Angeles, CA, Mary Lou Zuck of Minneapolis, MN and Roberta of Orlando, FL. Wilbur Bowman married and is living in Kenosha, WI, two children. Harriet Bowman, born March 1906 married Maurice Wagner, one son, Jack. Daisy May born April 1911, married Waldo Crooks. Col. Bowman died August 26, 1933.

GRAFFIS, WENDELL AND LOTTIE

(written by Lottie)

We came to Waterloo, Indiana, in 1950. The heirs of the Curtis L. Childs family had the building housing his antique shop at 325 North Wayne Street in Waterloo for sale. Wendell had worked for Forest Gerig in Auburn, Indiana, for eight years and decided to strike out on his own. We bought the building at 325 North Wayne, and, after a 2 month remodeling effort, we opened the Graffis Furniture Store in September of 1950.

In October of 1951 we moved our resident from Auburn to the former Grace Byers apartment in the Citizens State Bank building on Marion Street.

In November of 1952 we opened the Graffis Funeral Home at the same address. This business effort thrived and in 1961 we purchased 4 acres from Maude Shoemaker at the corner of 427 South and Center Street. Contractors Baker and Altman built the new Graffis Funeral Home, a one story red brick with full basement and 4 car garage.

We were married May 15, 1938 at New Lisbon, Indiana, Henry County. Richard Wayne (Rick) is our only child. He was born in Auburn, Indiana, August 22, 1945. He graduated from Culver Military Summer School in 1962, and Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1965.

We owned and operated the furniture store and funeral home until January of 1977 when the 2 businesses were sold to Ron and Karen (Voss) Feller. We built a new red brick home east of the funeral home, where we are enjoying retirement. "Rick" works for the R.R. Donnelley (printing) Company in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He has 2 children, Matthew Wayne and Christina Faye. The Graffis' have been active in church and civic organizations. They have seen many changes and improvements in the 36 years they have lived in Waterloo.

SATTISON, CLAYTON JR.

(written by Mavis Dee (Roberts) Sattison)

Clayton Sattison, Jr., son of Clayton Adam and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison, was born December 6, 1928 in Grant Township on the farm of his grandparents, Albert and Eva Albright. The family was living in Coldwater at the time and his father was working for a road construction company. They returned to their home in Waterloo in December of 1932 and he attended all his school years at Waterloo, graduating in 1946. As a young many he worked on area farms, at the cemetery and on construction sites when traveling with his father. He delivered newspapers and worked at the local dairy. He worked for his father at the Waterloo Super Service from 1945 to 1951.

Clay married on September 4, 1948 in Steuben county to Eunice Earlene Yockey. In 1956 he and his brother, Jim, started their business at 448 South Center Street in Waterloo and they are still located there.

For fifteen years (1959-1974) Clay and Jim built race cars (super modified) and participated in races in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Divorced in 1973 Clay married a second time on November 22, 1975 in Hamilton to Linda Lou (Shuff) Baker. They live on Hamilton Lake.

RATHERT, LAWRENCE AND ELEANORA (KELLY)

Lawrence (Larry) and Eleanora (Kelly) Rathert live at 640 Cedar Street. Larry helped build the building for Kitchen Quip, Inc. and was hired to work there. For 31 years of the 32 years at Kitchen Quip he was a forman for punch press, grinders, shipping and receiving, small machines and die casting, retiring in 1981.

Kelly worked at DeKalb Jr. High School in the cafeteria from 1976 until 1981; she had to stop work because of illness.

Son Jeff went to Waterloo Elementary School and graduated from DeKalb High School with the class of 1982. He works at Cooper Tire in Auburn.

Daughter Sandy Rathert Winchell, graduated from Waterloo High School with the class of 1958. She and her husband, Fremont, and three daughters, Kim, Terrie, and Amy live in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Son Mike graduated with the class of 1962 from Waterloo High School. He and his wife LaVerne live in Oxford, Mississippi. He has two daughters, Jennifer and Stephanie, who live in Quincy, Michigan and one step-daughter. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Son Larry attended Waterloo Elementary and went to Quincy, Michigan High School. He has one daughter, Candy and one son Randy; they live in Hillsdale and Jonesville, Michigan. Larry and his wife Dosha and step-children live in the state of Washington. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Larry and Kelly enjoy camping and fishing, all sports, and their grandchildren.

ARTHUR, OLIVER B. & NELLIE (JENNINGS)

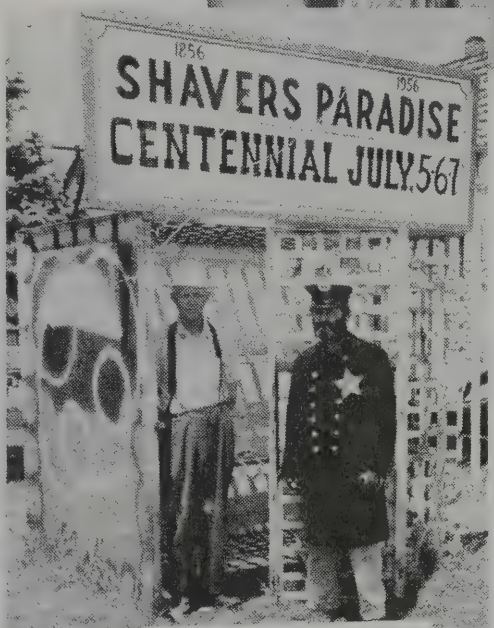
(written by Loiseen Brewer)

My maternal grandfather, Oliver B. Arthur, was born in Lima, Ohio, on May 21, 1874 to Martin Van Buren Arthur and Isrella (Smith) Arthur. His father was working in the Hub and Spoke factory in Lima at the time. They moved back to Waterloo a few years later after selling their house for $400. They lived on East Douglas Street. Ollie graduated from Waterloo High School in a class of 6 in 1893. He taught school in the county several years before becoming a railway mail clerk on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R.R. later called the New York Central R.R. He made $900 per year. The trains he worked went between Chicago and Cleveland through Waterloo. When he retired in 1936 he was making $2650 per year. Nellie (Jennings) Arthur was born in Wilmington township June 11, 1875 to Hiram & Sarah (Nivens) Jennings. She was the 12th of 13 children. The U.B. Church in Waterloo started a Ladies Aid Society in April 1897 and Nellie was their first president. Ollie and Nellie were married July 14, 1897 by Rev. Yeager. They purchased the Cutter home in the fall of 1898 on South Washington Street where Keith Ordway now lives. Two children were born to them: Lynn Jennings and Lois Amy. They got their water from a spigot in the yard south of their house. They were among the first homes in the neighborhood to have in-door plumbing. They often took the interurban to Ft. Wayne. It ran every hour from 6 A.M. to midnight. Arthurs did not have a horse and buggy and did not get a car until about 1918, when they got a model T. Ford sedan. In July 1939 Waterloo celebrated a homecoming and Ollie was the treasurer. He died in his home April 1, 1948 and Nellie died in July of 1963.

Lynn Arthur married Laurene Doty from Hudson. He was a graduate of Purdue and was a civil engineer. They now reside in Libertyville, IL. They have 2 children, Robert and Marilynn and 3 grandchildren.

Lois Arthur and Oliver A. Miser, from Fairfield township, were married in 1923. They lived in Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago, IL, finally moving back to Waterloo in 1958. They built a home on Douglas St. on the site of Lois' paternal grandfather's home. Oliver worked as a railway postal clerk on the NYC RR. Lois died in 1963. Oliver remarried and moved to Alamo, Texas, where he died in 1985. Oliver and Lois had a daughter, Loiseen. Oliver had 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Loiseen Miser married Robert Brewer in Chicago in March 1946. They moved to Fairfield township in 1951 and to Waterloo January 1968. They have 3 children; Beth, Carol, and Robert B. They all graduated from DeKalb High School. Beth married Paul Stepp and they have one daughter, Erin Brewer Stepp. Beth teaches music at Prairie Heights School in Steuben county and Paul is an insurance agent in Angola. They live at Jimmerson Lake, Steuben county. Carol lives in Auburn and teaches 2nd grade at Hamilton School. Robert married Patricia Walker in Indianapolis 1983. They both work in Indianapolis where they live.



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1856 – 1956

FIRE BARN & SPEAKERS PLATFORM at 1911 Spring Jubilee. The Police Station is located at this site today.

WATERLOO RAILROAD DEPOT and SWITCH TOWER. At far left is old hotel. Walking along tracks is Clint Johnson.

Several businesses were destroyed by fire prior to 1900. The building on the right is the location of Indiana Dec. offices.

TOWN BOARD 1956-1986

(taken from the Town Board Meetings)

- Plan Commission set up August 6, 1956.
- Waterloo's total budget for 1959 is $47,196.00
- March 2, 1959, Plan Commission completed numbering all properties within the Town of Waterloo. In 1979, they were brought up to date.
- March 4, 1964, Trailer Court was established.
- July 13, 1964, Clide and Ruth Boman submitted plans for subdivision on north end of town.
- September 10, 1968, V.F.W. bought old gas station on north edge of town for meeting hall.
- February 1972, Police force went from 2 man to 3 man.
- February 1973, Town Board accepted bid on new fire truck in the amount of $30,962.00.
- September 1974, Town Board signed Ordinance allowing installation of Cable TV.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held August 12, 1976, for opening the Bikeway between Auburn and Waterloo.
- In 1978, the horse-tie-up portion of the sidewalk on east side of Wayne Street was torn up and angle parking was put in, in front of businesses.
- Signs were purchased commemorating DeKalb Baron State Champion Baseball Team - 1980 and put at 4 main highways leading into Waterloo.
- January 1, 1981, the town went to four full time policemen.
- July 14, 1981, Waterloo Fire Department changed name to Waterloo-Grant Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.
- Water Department purchased land owned by NIPSCO adjacent to Well field for $5,000 in November 1982.
- The Town of Waterloo purchased an IBM Data Master 23 Computer in 1982 for billing sewage, garbage, and water.
- The Town Board in July 1984, signed an Option to Purchase 110 acres of land west of the Corporation limits for the purpose of establishing an Industrial Park. This land has been annexed into the Town.
- September 1984, the Waterloo Industrial Development Corporation was formed. This is a Not-for-Profit Organization established to develop the Industrial Park.

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Mrs. Werner operator at the Waterloo Telephone Switchboard (circa 1900)

WATERLOO POST OFFICE—1907. Located on East VanVleek St. Appearing in the photo is Harry Reed, Mary Miser, Postmaster Martin Miser and Joe Miser.

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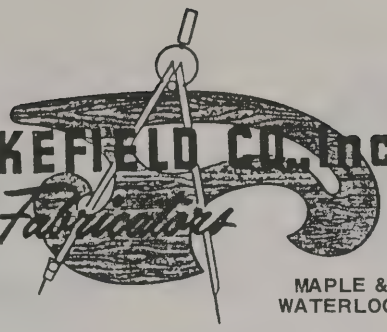

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A Union School building was erected after 1856 on the south side of Maple Street, across from the State Highway Garage, now the site of De Kalb Central United Schools Bus Garage. The present Waterloo Elementary School and playground is located at this site.

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The Waterloo Post Office was located on the southwest corner of Wayne & VanVleek streets in 1863. In the years from 1900 to 1912, it was in the rear of the Robinson Building, west of the Telephone Office and then moved to the Leas Building. The present building, located on the corner of Marion and Sheridan streets was erected in 1953.

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An Ashery was located on the corner of U.S. 6 & Center St. Farmers clearing their land would burn the logs and then sell and deliver the ashes The ashes were sold by the bushel and called "Black Salts".

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